



Office of the President

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To: Louis Nadar, P.E.
City Engineer, City of Roswell, NM

June 8, 2023

From: Shawn Powell, Ph.D.

Subject: Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure
Discretionary Grant Opportunity
AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA).
ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number 693JJ323NF00004

Dear Mr. Nadar,

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with the City of Roswell in this grant application. Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell supports this application and agrees to provide a location for an EV charging station if the grant is awarded.

Please accept this letter in support of using CFI Grant Program funds to install an electric vehicle (EV) charger(s) on our campus. Historic burdens of transportation systems have been shouldered by disadvantaged communities while benefits have not been equally distributed. The City of Roswell is a rural and disadvantaged community. To be granted this funding would enable the City to provide safe mobility options for residents and visitors while promoting economic development and preserving the environment. EV chargers would allow for vehicles to take advantage of the renewable energy sources in the area and reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

It is important to provide electric vehicles with access to charging in rural areas such as Roswell, especially south Roswell. Additional EV chargers in our area would permit those with electric vehicles to be able to plan visits to our rural community. It is critical to expand the network of EV chargers in New Mexico so they can also be used for people traveling through Roswell on their way to another destination such as Albuquerque, Carlsbad, or Las Cruces.

The proposed deployment sites for the EV chargers are strategically located and will increase mobility and lower transportation costs for residents and visitors and will increase economic opportunity for the city. The EV chargers proposed for Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell will allow for electric vehicles to be charging while students, faculty and staff work and attend class. These EV chargers would be within 1.73 miles of the Alternative Fuel Corridor. The CFI Program funding would facilitate public access to charging in a rural and disadvantaged community and contribute to the EV charging network in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Shawn Powell'.

Shawn Powell, Ph.D.
President