

# New Los Angeles County program offers EV charging station installation at no cost!



## About the Program

Public Power-Up, a program offered by Southern California Even Access, provides electric vehicle (EV) charger installation to cities, school districts, and other public agencies serving disadvantaged communities in Los Angeles County **at no cost**. The program is offered in partnership with [SoCalREN Public Agency Programs](#), which provides cash incentives and no-cost technical support for energy efficiency projects.

Through this limited-time program, Los Angeles County is helping public agencies provide clean mobility options for their communities. Don't miss out!

### To be eligible:

- Enroll in SoCalREN
- Commit to making energy efficiency upgrades at your facility
- Facility must be served by SCE and within ¼ mile of multifamily housing, also served by SCE, in a disadvantaged community

## Program Perks

- ✓ **Save money.** Overcome the upfront costs to EV charger installation with no-cost support
- ✓ **Save time.** Let us handle all the paperwork! A project manager will help you complete SCE Charge Ready (which covers any necessary infrastructure upgrades) or other support program applications
- ✓ **Be a leader.** EV chargers demonstrate your environmental leadership to your community and help you prepare for future California transportation policies that may require EV infrastructure
- ✓ **Support your community.** Prioritize clean mobility and improved air quality for hard-to-reach residents in disadvantaged communities by installing EV chargers through our program
- ✓ **Grow your local economy.** Help local residents save on gas by switching to EVs, and give your local economy a boost
- ✓ **Access continued support.** Get help putting your new EV chargers to good use with our post-installation guidance
- ✓ **We're not selling anything.** We're a grant-funded program with no financial stake in your EV decisions, so you can trust our third-party, unbiased support!

 Email [hello@socalevenaccess.org](mailto:hello@socalevenaccess.org) to get started!

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How is this program different from SCE Charge Ready?**

Public Power-Up works alongside SCE Charge Ready. SCE Charge Ready installs infrastructure for the utility-side and customer-side of the meter (e.g. service drop, meter, panel, and circuit dedicated to EV charging) and provides rebates to cover a portion of the charging station cost. Then, our program actually installs EV charging stations free of charge. SoCalREN also provides project management and other assistance to help agencies complete projects. This program is focused on serving DAC residents, especially those residing in MUDs, by prioritizing projects that most directly benefit these communities.

## **Why does Public Power-Up install EV chargers at public facilities near multi-unit dwellings?**

Multi-unit dwelling (MUD) residents in disadvantaged, low-income, and rural communities may face many barriers to adopting zero-emission vehicles, including high costs and unsupportive property managers. Installing EV charging at public facilities will help address California's climate targets by making it easier for the public and public agencies alike to switch to EVs.

## **How is the program funded? How can you offer these services for free?**

The program is funded by the California Energy Commission, administered by the County of Los Angeles as part of Southern California Even Access, and implemented by The Energy Coalition.

## **Is my facility eligible for the program?**

Public Power-Up is available to public agencies enrolled in SoCalREN located in LA County. Project sites must be within a quarter-mile of a multi-unit dwelling, and both the project site and multi-unit dwelling must be served by SCE and within a disadvantaged community (as classified by CalEnviroScreen 4.0). Agencies must also pursue energy efficiency upgrades at the site with support from SoCalREN. The public agency should be the SCE account holder for the site and own the property (or have consent from the property owner to install the equipment and an agreement that the property owner will grant any required easements). Sites should not have existing EVSE.

## **When can I get started?**

Funds are limited, so we encourage you to get started as soon as possible! The program will install EVSE for eligible agencies on a first-come-first-serve basis. Public Power-Up is currently expected to run through the end of 2024, or while funds last.

Public Power-Up is administered by the County of Los Angeles and funded by the California Energy Commission. The SoCalREN Public Agency Programs are administered by the County of Los Angeles and funded by California utility ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

