



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB5145

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Electric Vehicle Charger Grant Act. Provides that any State agency that disburses grant funds for electric vehicle charging stations must include provisions in the criteria for awarding grant funds that encourage the use of equity eligible contractors by the grantees. Provides that the provisions shall include, but not be limited to, additional points to those grantees who commit to exclusively using equity eligible contractors, a portion of the grant funds devoted exclusively for equity eligible contractors, and inclusion of aspirational goals for all grantees to use equity eligible contractors. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Electric Vehicle Charger Grant Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Electric vehicle charging system" means a device that is:
8 (i) used to provide electricity to an electric vehicle; (ii)
9 designed to ensure that a safe connection has been made
10 between the electric grid and the electric vehicle; and (iii)
11 able to communicate with the vehicle's control system so that
12 electricity flows at an appropriate voltage and current level.
13 An "electric vehicle charging system" may be wall mounted or
14 pedestal style, may provide multiple cords to connect with
15 electric vehicles, shall be certified by Underwriters
16 Laboratories or have been granted an equivalent certification,
17 and shall comply with the current version of Article 625 of the
18 National Electrical Code.

19 "Equity eligible contractor" means a business that is
20 majority-owned by eligible persons, or a nonprofit or
21 cooperative that is majority-governed by eligible persons, or
22 is a natural person who is an eligible person offering
23 personal services as an independent contractor.

1 "Grant funds" means any public funds dispensed by a
2 grantor agency to any person or entity for obligation,
3 expenditure, or use by that person or entity for installing,
4 maintaining, purchasing or repairing an electric vehicle
5 charging system. Neither the method by which funds are
6 dispensed, whether by contract, agreement, grant subsidy,
7 letter of credit, or any other method, nor the purpose for
8 which the funds are used can change the character of funds
9 which otherwise would be considered grant funds as defined in
10 this Section.

11 "Grantee" means the person or entity which may use grant
12 funds.

13 "Grantor agency" means a State agency that dispenses grant
14 funds.

15 "State agency" means State-supported universities and
16 colleges and any department, office, commission, board, or
17 authority within the Executive Department, other than the
18 Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Office of the Attorney
19 General, the Office of the Secretary of State, the Office of
20 the Comptroller, or the Office of the State Treasurer.

21 Section 10. Disbursement of grant funds relating to
22 electric vehicle chargers. Any State agency that disburses
23 grant funds for electric vehicle charging stations must
24 include provisions in the criteria for awarding grant funds
25 that encourage the use of equity eligible contractors by the

1 grantees. These provisions to encourage the use of equity
2 eligible contractors shall include, but not be limited to,
3 additional points to those grantees who commit to exclusively
4 using equity eligible contractors, a portion of the grant
5 funds devoted exclusively for equity eligible contractors, and
6 inclusion of aspirational goals for all grantees to use equity
7 eligible contractors.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.