

Appendix G – Potential Government Grants accessible to Councils

The Government offers grants to support the use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV)

1. On-Street Residential Charge-Point Scheme (ORCS)

Purpose of this scheme is to increase the availability of on-street charge-points in residential streets where off-street parking is not available. Applications for both Council owned public car parks and on land not necessarily owned by a local authority i.e., a village hall car park. The latter will be considered on a discretionary basis where it can be demonstrated that a lack of suitable local authority land poses a barrier to the installation of residential charge-points.

- Funding is for up to 60% of eligible capital costs
- Total funding will not exceed £7,500 per charge-point unless electrical costs are exceptionally high. In these cases, funding up to £13,000 per charge-point may be provided
- There is no strict maximum or minimum project size

2. The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) scheme

This is designed to encourage large-scale, ambitious, and commercially innovative projects that aim to utilise more private sector investment. Applicants must be planning an EV charging infrastructure project that: -

- Supports the transition to EV use in a local area, with a particular focus on provision for those without off-street parking
- Will provide an improvement in accessible and low-cost EV charging that would not otherwise be met by current or planned EV charge-point infrastructure
- Show either technical or commercial innovation

Currently there is a pilot LEVI scheme running in 2022/23 with the fully LEVI fund launching in early 2023

3. EV charge-point and infrastructure grants for landlords

There are 2 grants that as a landlord the Council can apply for, they are: -

- An electric vehicle charge-point grant (EV Charge-point grant)
- An electric vehicle infrastructure grant (EV infrastructure grant)

The above can be used on the same property

EV Charge-point grant

You can get either £350 or 75% off the cost to buy and install a socket, which amount is lower. Each financial year, you can get up to

- 200 grants for residential properties
- 100 grants for commercial properties

These can be across several properties and installations or for one property

EV infrastructure grant

An EV infrastructure grant gives you money off the cost of wider building and installation work that's needed to install multiple charge-point sockets

The work can be for sockets you want to install now and in the future. You can get up to £30,000 or 75% off the cost of the work. You can get up to 30 infrastructure grants each financial year

4. Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS)

The WCS is a voucher-based scheme open to all local authorities. It provides support towards the upfront costs of the purchase and installation of EV charge-points that are dedicated to staff or fleet use.

The grant covers up to 75% of the total costs of the purchase and installation of EV charge-points (inclusive of VAT) capped at a maximum of

- £350 per socket
- 40 sockets across all sites per applicant