



Ontario



# Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network

*Ontario's Flagship Initiative for Automotive  
and Mobility*

*The Driving Force Behind Ontario's  
Automotive & Mobility Sector*



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# EV ChargeON Objectives

EV ChargeON is a provincial program that provides funding for the installation of public electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Ontario

## The program aims to:

1. Increase the number of public EV charging stations throughout Ontario to build a more connected network;
2. Make public chargers more accessible and affordable; and
3. Encourage more people to switch to EVs.



# What's New? – Major Changes from 2023 Intake

Program Improvements	Details
Expanded Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sites in <b>all</b> communities in Ontario are eligible to apply</li><li>• Sites open <b>seasonally</b> and/or <b>not</b> 24/7/365 eligible to apply for 25% reimbursement of eligible expenses</li></ul>
Simplified Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reimbursement of portion of eligible expenses up to \$1M per Project, with no technology cap</li><li>• Reimbursement as a portion of Eligible Expenses, not Total Project Cost</li></ul>
Simplified Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Streamlined application form</li><li>• Not required to obtain LDC signoff</li></ul>

# Who Can Apply?

- Organizations incorporated or registered in Ontario in the public or private sector.
- Businesses, not-for-profit corporations, municipalities, Indigenous communities and organizations, and broader public sector organizations (like hospitals, universities and colleges) are all eligible.
- To apply, you need to either be a property owner or have written approval from the owner.
- The following entities are **not eligible**:
  - Individuals;
  - Federal, provincial or territorial governments, and their respective ministries, departments, entities, agencies, and Crown corporations.



# What Projects are Eligible?

## Project Locations:

1. Projects must be located in the province of Ontario to apply.
2. Must be accessible to the general public (can be a public paid lot).
3. Sites approved for funding as part of the initial intake of EV ChargeON (2023/2024) are **ineligible** for this round.

## Project Eligibility:

- **Proof of Ownership:** Title deed, tax assessment, or mortgage document.
- **Proof of Site Access:** Lease, legal agreement, or Site Access Form ([Appendix B](#)).
- **Band Council Support:** Required for sites on reserve land.
- **Proof of Incorporation:** Certificate or articles of incorporation.
- **Proof of Funds:** [Appendices C \(Applicant\) and D](#) (Other Contributors).
- **Site Plan:** Charger layout, street access, and lighting ([Appendix H](#)).



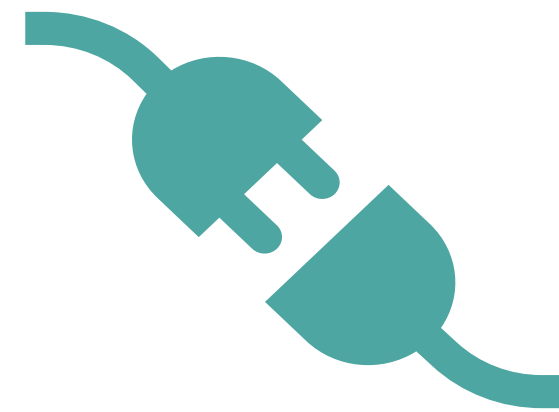
# Charger Requirements



## Number of Ports:

Stations with only Level 2 chargers require at least four ports.

Stations with Level 3 chargers need a minimum of one port if co-located with Level 2, or two ports if not co-located

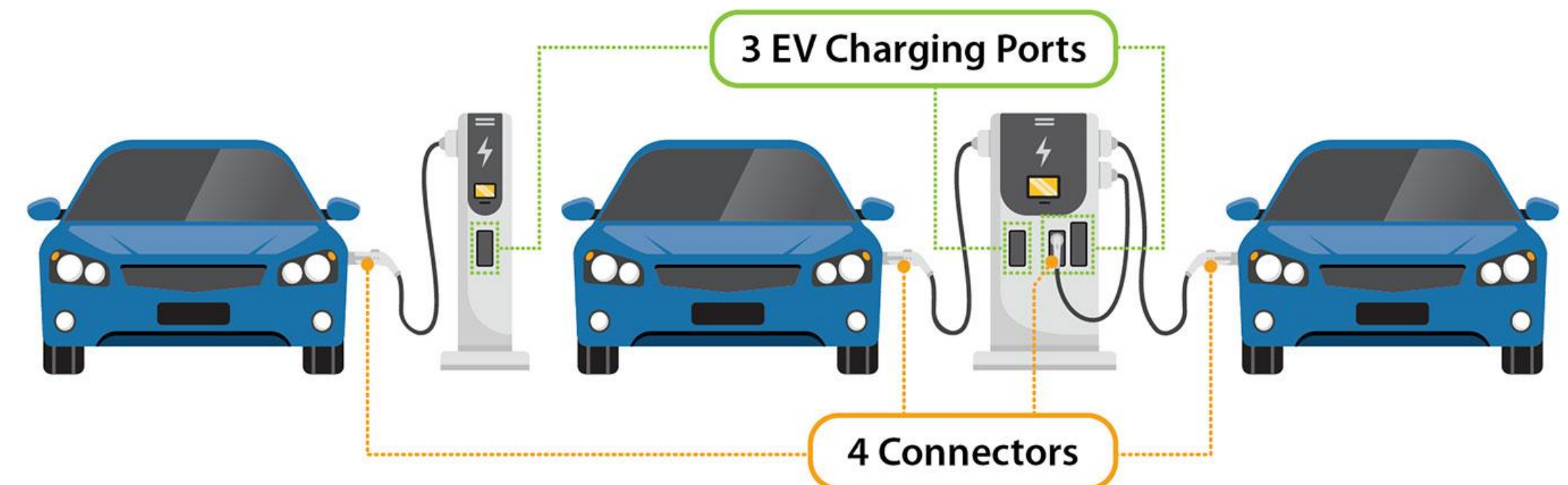


## Eligible Connectors:

Level 2 chargers require SAE J1772 connectors.

Level 3 chargers require a minimum of 25% CCS connectors at a site, with remainder being CCS, NACS or CHAdeMO

## 1 Station Location



Each **site** can have multiple **ports**.  
Each **port** can have multiple **connectors**.  
See [Program Guide Appendix A](#) for complete definitions.



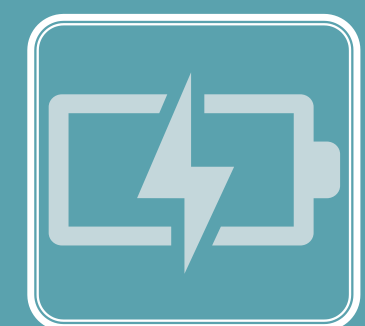
# Application Evaluation

Once projects have passed the eligibility scan, their applications will be evaluated on the following criteria (1/2):



## Geographic Location

- Corridor: Sites within 1.6 km of major roads, focused on traffic and EV adoption, mainly DC fast charging;
- Community: Sites in local areas beyond 1.6 km from highways, scored on charger proximity, traffic, and population, using L2 and DC fast chargers.



## Charger Technology

- Points for multiple connector types, battery storage, demand management, and Made-in-Canada tech ( $\geq 51\%$  costs, final manufacturing in Canada).



## User Amenities and Safety

- Points for user amenities and safety features like cameras, patrols, and weather protection.



## Uptime Targets and Performance Monitoring

- Points for stations with O&M programs that maximize uptime and charging speed.

# Application Evaluation (cont'd)

Once projects have passed the eligibility scan, their applications will be evaluated on the following criteria (2/2):



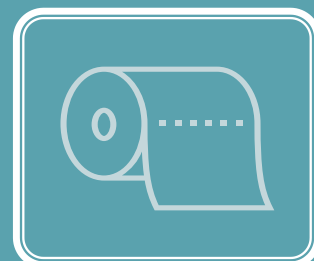
## Future Proofing

- Points for sites designed to allow future expansion or faster charging upgrades (e.g., extra conduits, 3-phase power, utility access).



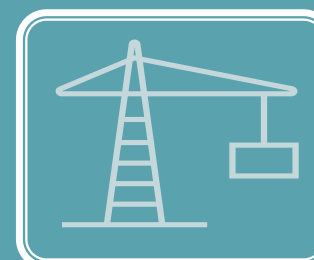
## Turnover Incentives

- Points for sites that encourage active charging only.



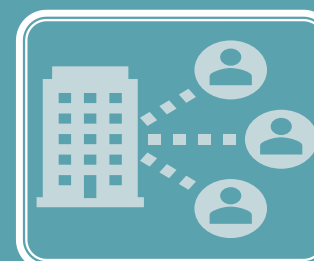
## Washroom Access

- Points are awarded for washroom access.



## Site Design

- Points for sites with pull-through space, extra security, and accessibility beyond AODA.



## Work Plan

- Points for comprehensive Work Plan.



# Scoring Examples

Criteria	Hwy 401 - Napanee (≈90%)	Thunder Bay (≈75%)	Downtown Guelph (≈60%)	Orillia Grocery (≈25%)
Location	Highway corridor	Highway corridor	Community	Community
Hardware	6 DCFC; CCS + NACS; Made in Canada	4 DCFC; CCS + NACS; with BESS	4 DCFC; CCS only	1 DCFC + 2 L2; CCS only
Uptime	≥98%, O&M	≥95%, O&M	≥90%, O&M	85%, no O&M
Safety & Amenities	Cameras, lighting, tamper-proof	Lighting, bollards, tamper-proof (no cameras)	Cameras, lighting (no tamper-proof)	Lighting only
Future Proofing	Conduits to 12	Conduits to 6	None	None
Turnover	Fees + signage	Signage only	Signage only	None
Washrooms	Public, 24/7	Public, 24/7	Public, 06:00-23:00	With purchase, store hours
Accessibility	Above AODA	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline
Design	Pull-through	None	None	Pull-through
Work Plan	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Not submitted
Projected Score	≈90%	≈75%	≈60%	≈25%

# Funding Overview

The following parameters will determine the maximum funding by applicant and location:

	<b>Northern Ontario</b> (MTO Northeast and Northwest Regions)	<b>Rest of Ontario</b>	<b>Sites open less than 24/7/365</b>
Indigenous Community or Business	75%	75%	25%
Municipalities with populations below 170k			
Businesses, not for profit corporations, and broader public sector		50%	
Municipalities with populations above 170k			

## Per-Project Total Funding Cap:

- The maximum provincial contribution per project is \$1 million.
  - A single Applicant may submit multiple Applications where the total value of all Projects exceeds one million dollars.



# Eligible Expenses

Applicants must apply and be approved before incurring any costs eligible for reimbursement. Successful recipients will be reimbursed 25-75% of eligible expenses. Applicants must note Total Project Cost for documentation of overall project costs.

**Eligible expenses + ineligible expenses = Total project cost (TPC)**

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital expenses: Charging equipment, battery energy storage, networking hardware, site preparation and finishing.</li><li>• Professional services (external): Engineering, design, project management consultants, technical specialists.</li><li>• Rental or leasing costs for construction: Equipment necessary for project implementation.</li><li>• Licences and permits: Municipal, provincial, or federal permits and approvals.</li><li>• Environmental assessments and authorizations: Studies, impact statements, or consultations required for compliance.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salaries and benefits.</li><li>• Commissions, bonuses, or overtime payments.</li><li>• Overhead and administrative expenses (rent, utilities, memberships, office costs).</li><li>• GST, PST, HST, or other refundable/creditable taxes.</li><li>• Legal fees not directly reimbursable.</li><li>• Accessory capital costs not directly tied to EV charging infrastructure.</li><li>• Financing costs and interest charges.</li><li>• Expenditures for abandoned or cancelled projects.</li><li>• In-kind support.</li></ul>

# Getting More Funding for Your Project

The EV ChargeON Program allows Applicants to “stack” other government (federal or provincial) funds. However, there are limits to how much you can stack:

## For Businesses:

- Total funding from federal and provincial levels of government **cannot exceed 75%** of Total Project Costs.

## For all other Applicants:

- Total funding from federal and provincial levels of government **cannot exceed 90%** of Total Project Costs.
- Inclusive of Indigenous businesses.





# Submitting an Application

## SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO THE CHARGEON PROGRAM

- Companies, through the OVINhub.ca website, submit an Intake Form for the ChargeON program (Intake Forms are available on the program webpage at the bottom of the page)
- Intake Forms request the necessary information for the proposed project to be assessed by OVIN, and after it is submitted, companies will be assigned an OCI business developer who will arrange a meeting to discuss the project and processes



### Other Links

- [Electric Vehicle ChargeON program](#)
- [NRCan corridor charging map](#)

### Intake Form

Submit this intake form and see if this program is the right fit for your business!

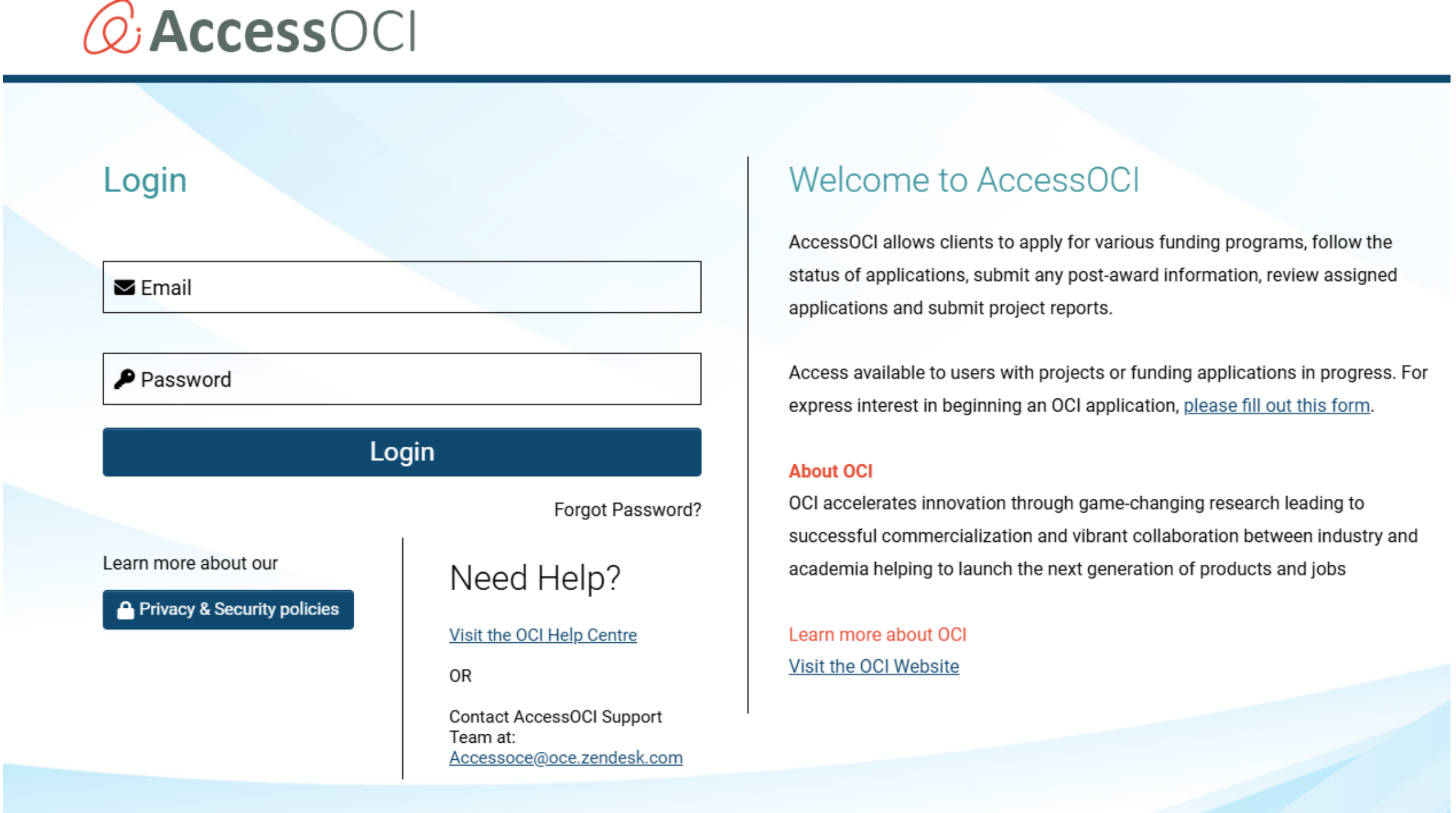
GET STARTED

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- After receiving approval to submit an application from OVIN, your assigned business developer will grant you access to your application on AccessOCI
- A company will receive a system email with login information and be able to start an application for the ChargeON program through the portal

To note: multiple user accounts from one company cannot access the application – one account, one submission



The screenshot shows the AccessOCI login interface. At the top left is the AccessOCI logo. Below it, the word "Login" is displayed. There are two input fields: "Email" with an envelope icon and "Password" with a key icon. Below these fields is a blue "Login" button. To the right of the login fields is a link for "Forgot Password?". Below the login section, there is a link to "Learn more about our Privacy & Security policies". To the right of this, under the heading "Need Help?", there is a link to "Visit the OCI Help Centre", followed by "OR" and contact information for the AccessOCI Support Team at "Accessoce@oce.zendesk.com". On the right side of the page, under the heading "Welcome to AccessOCI", there is a paragraph explaining the portal's purpose and a link to "please fill out this form". Below this, under the heading "About OCI", there is a paragraph about OCI's mission and two links: "Learn more about OCI" and "Visit the OCI Website".



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- Companies write or upload information into the AccessOCI portal for their application – this includes detailed information on the proposed project, including:
  - **Applicant Information** (including the team involved, EDI questions, contributions to the project, etc.)
  - **The Proposal** (adding the milestone table, downloading the proposal template, uploading the proposal, etc.)
  - **The Use of Funds** (including a breakdown of expenses, the budget justification, etc.)
  - **Supporting Documentation** – *further information on additional documentation on next slide*
  - **Agreement for Project Terms and Conditions**

To note: there is no character limit for the project proposal (the summary for public release does have a cap at 250 words)

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**Project Supporting Documentation** (including employee CV's, a copy of the Budget Justification Template [Appendix G], and any other files).

Documentation and Appendices from the Program Guidelines to be uploaded with an application include:

- Proof of Ownership
- Site Access Verification (Appendix B)
- Band Council Support (if necessary)
- Proof of Incorporation
- Proof of Funding (Appendix C, and potentially Appendix D)
- Site Plan (Appendix H)



# Key Dates

Date	Event
<b>November 3, 2025</b>	Application period opens.
<b>December 15, 2025</b>	Application period closes at 5:00 p.m. EST.
<b>Winter 2026</b>	OVIN reviews and evaluates Applications.
<b>April 1, 2026</b>	Applicants are notified of the evaluation results.
<b>Up to 12 months from Agreement</b>	Recipients have up to 12 months from receipt of Agreement date to complete installation and operationalize their approved EV charger(s).



# Thank you!

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