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Biden Administration Awards \$8 Million Grant to Lansing-led Coalition to Expand Electric Charging Options in the Capitol Region

LANSING Mich – The Michigan Infrastructure Office (MIO) today announced that the Michigan Capitol Area Regional EV Charging Gateway Initiative was awarded an \$8 million [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Discretionary Grant](#) to expand access to electric vehicle charging and alternative fuel options. The funding comes as part of President Biden’s effort to advance the buildout of a national charging network, create American jobs and ensure more drivers can conveniently, affordably, and reliably charge their electric vehicles where they live, work and shop.

“Lansing has distinguished itself as a leader in building the infrastructure needed for the electric vehicle transition. I am delighted that President Biden and Secretary Buttigieg have recognized Mayor Schor’s leadership with this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant,” said **Zachary Kolodin, Michigan’s chief infrastructure officer and MIO director**. “This Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant will support the development of EV charging hubs throughout the Capitol region, particularly in Downtown Lansing and university hotspots.”

The Michigan Capitol Area Regional EV Charging Gateway Initiative was launched by the City of Lansing in partnership with the City of East Lansing, Meridian Charter Township, Williamstown Township, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Michigan Clean Cities Coalition, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Lansing Board of Water & Light, and Lansing School District. The initiative entails a 5-year effort to increase EV charging options and alternative fueling infrastructure for commercial and public fleet vehicles in Michigan’s Capital Region.

“This is such an exciting opportunity for the City of Lansing, alongside our project partners,” said **Lansing Mayor Andy Schor**. “I want to thank President Biden, Secretary Buttigieg and the U.S. DOT staff for making these funds available. With this grant, we will be able to expand community-based infrastructure specifically related to energy-efficient electric vehicle supply equipment. Additionally, with Lansing making batteries and producing EV cars in the future, this will ensure that we have the full infrastructure that we need, allowing us to continue supporting our sustainability initiative and moving towards a greener Capital Region.”

The Biden-Harris Administration will announce \$623 million in grants, made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s CFI Program. The grants will fund 47 projects in 22 states and Puerto Rico, including construction of approximately 7,500 EV charging ports. The CFI Program advances President Biden’s [Justice40 Initiative](#), which set a goal that 40% of the overall benefits of federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

“Today’s announcement shows once again how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is paying dividends for Michigan,” said **U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin**. “These funds will ensure that the City of Lansing can build out its EV infrastructure and expand charger access. We’re building the next generation of cars in

Michigan, and this new investment will help make sure Michiganders can drive those cars here at home.”

Michigan has secured more than \$150 million through [Charge Up Michigan](#) and the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) to build Michigan’s electric vehicle charging network, which now includes more than 2,600 EV chargers.

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