May 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Virginia Transit Association Conference, Virginia Beach, May 23 - 24
- 2023 Virginia Brownfields Conference, Danville, June 13 - 15
- Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference, Raleigh, August 14 - 16

Click the events for more info.

May 30th deadline for $700 million CFI Program funding

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible EV charging and alternative fueling infrastructure. CFI Program investments will make infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane and natural gas vehicles.

VCC will provide support to any Virginia business or eligible entity for application. If your request is less that $500,000 please know you could join a group or regional grants. For questions, please email aharned@vacleancities.org.

Teaming Arrangement Sign Up List

Teaming List Responses

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

VCC mentioned in White House press release

Go Zero Program: Up to $200,000 available
VCC and the **Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership (MAEP)** were listed in a recent White House fact sheet press release about ongoing electric vehicle infrastructure investments. The fact sheet detailed many private and public sector investments. The MAEP project is collaboration of 25 public and private sector partners working together to advance EV infrastructure in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Starting May 1, 2023, the **Green Operator program** will open the first round of funding for Go-Zero, a program providing incentive of up to $200,000 for each zero-emission (ZEV) truck purchased and up to $100,000 for each near zero-emission (NZEV) truck purchased. Like the existing Green Operator program, the expectation is for drayage trucks to provide services to the Port of Virginia facilities.

**Clean School Bus Program**

On April 24th, the EPA announced the **2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) Grant Program**. This is the first grant funding opportunity through the multi-year funding program and follows the 2022 CSB Rebate Program, which was the first round of funding. Under the 2023 Grant Program, EPA anticipates awarding $400 million in competitive grant funding to eligible applicants for the purchase of zero-emission (ZE) school buses, clean school buses and ZE charging infrastructure.

**Rural hydrogen vehicle demos**

As part of the Drive Clean Rural USA project and in collaboration with Toyota, the VCC team will be demonstrating a hydrogen Toyota Mirai in rural communities across Virginia. While hydrogen infrastructure has yet to be built out in the Commonwealth, this vehicle demonstrates one of the many technologies that are on the horizon for clean fuel vehicles in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Check out the Mirai in our recent Earth Day event photos.

**VCC is hiring!**

**EVNoire’s E-mobility Fellowship Program**
VCC is hiring again! Are you a community organizer committed to environmental justice in Virginia? Interested in equity centered partnerships in the community? Check out the job posting for the Community Engagement Liaison.

Coalition member EVHybridNoire is pleased to announce the first cohort of our new E-Mobility Fellowship Pipeline Program. In efforts to address the lack of diverse talent in the electric vehicle workforce, EVHybridNoire is proud to launch a new, brand-neutral pipeline program between students and e-mobility companies/organizations.

E85 offers affordable option

Convenience store chain Sheetz has recently marked down the price of E85 unleaded to $1.85 per gallon. E85 is a fuel approved for flex fuel vehicles designed to run on gasoline or gasoline-ethanol blends of up to 85% and contains more ethanol than other fuel blends. Drivers can check if E85 is compatible with their vehicle in their driver's manual or online. The price is available at all Sheetz locations in Virginia and Maryland that carry E85.

New and Returning Members!
Interested in becoming a Virginia Clean Cities Member? Check out our membership page [here](#) or [contact us](#) with any questions.