

Email Received from West Central Initiative:

We are excited to share that West Central Initiative has been awarded funding to move forward with our Charging Smart regional engagement cohort. Thank you for your interest in this opportunity and for the conversations you have already had with us about electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, permitting, zoning, and community readiness.

With this award in place, we are ready to move ahead with communities officially signing up for the cohort. Participating communities will receive technical assistance from WCI staff, access to educational cohort meetings, support completing Charging Smart actions, and help working toward Charging Smart Bronze certification, with opportunities to pursue select Silver or Gold actions if capacity allows. This will all be at no cost to you.

To confirm your community's participation, please complete the [Charging Smart sign-up sheet](#) by September 18, and let us know when you have filled it out. If your community needs council approval or would like to discuss participation before signing up, please let us know and we would be happy to schedule a short consultation call.

Once your sign-up sheet is submitted, we will follow up with next steps, including the self-assessment survey, scheduling any needed one-on-one conversations, and sharing details for the cohort kickoff meeting. Please feel free to reach out with questions at any point—we are happy to talk through the program, time commitment, or how Charging Smart may fit with your community's goals.

We are looking forward to working with communities across the region on this next step in EV readiness and charging infrastructure planning.

In the Charging Smart Sign up I need to state the following:

I attest that our local government representatives have reviewed the Charging Smart program and intend to pursue a Bronze, Silver, or Gold designation. In partnership with the Charging Smart team, my community seeks no-cost technical assistance to strengthen our local policies and practices and achieve designation. Together, we will advance community-driven solutions that support the adoption of EVs and EV charging infrastructure.

Please provide a motion giving Clerk-Treasurer permission to move forward with or deny this project.