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Contra Costa County receives \$15 million in federal highway funds for installation of EV chargers at County Libraries

(Martinez, CA) – Contra Costa County received \$15 million in funding from the US Department of Transportation's Community Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program, which seeks to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places where people live and work.

The County's "EV 4 All" program will consist of installing Electric Vehicle Supplying Equipment (EVSE) at 15 equitably distributed county library sites located within 14 different cities, towns, and census-designated places. Five percent of the award will support vital outreach and education activities to expand EV awareness and adoption in the county, including awareness of EV purchasing incentives and EV workforce development pathways, especially among low-income, disadvantaged and/or environmentally over-harmed communities.

"The Department of Transportation's grant will grow the County's electric vehicle charging network while creating a more sustainable, equitable and accessible future for all residents. The funding serves as a model for what the County is doing to achieve its zero-waste goals," said Board Chair Federal Glover, District 5 Supervisor.

The county libraries were chosen for this grant because they are active centers of their communities often near many services including retail, recreation, and city and county government offices. The library locations will provide convenient access to EV charging for residents across the county including in several low income and disadvantaged communities.

The county's grant award is one of 47 in 22 states totaling \$623 million announced by the Biden-Harris Administration.

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