



EV SMART NATIVE NATIONS PROGRAM

WHAT IS EV SMART NATIVE NATIONS?

The Great Plains Institute (GPI) invites you to co-create the EV Smart Native Nations program, a recognition program designed to provide communities with a roadmap to electric vehicle (EV) readiness, including securing funding and getting projects off the ground. The program development will be based off of a similar program created for cities. The path to becoming EV ready will involve a portfolio of best practices and actions that include both simple steps and more complicated initiatives that are specifically curated for Native nations.

The end goal is to develop a program that provides flexibility for individual community priorities and capacity in which participating Native nations won't have to reinvent the wheel. We will work together to create an environment of peer communities and establish new EV markets and harness associated benefits for residents and local businesses.

The EV Smart Native Nations program is led by the Great Plains Institute. It is funded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Clean Transportation Pilot Program.

DETAILS

- No cost to participate (only staff time!)
- Stipends will be available on an as needed basis
- Program Length: November 2022 - March 2024
- Time commitment:
 - One to three one-on-one meetings and/or technical assistance
 - Optional monthly webinars on best practice topics
 - Additional meetings to discuss program framework development
 - Self-directed work to meet local goals

ELIGIBILITY

- Staff capacity to participate fully in the program (identify one staff person)
- Any Native government sharing geography with Minnesota
- Complete a Letter of Commitment to co-develop program framework and implement EV readiness actions

WHY PARTICIPATE?



PROGRAM BENEFITS

Participants will be recognized for their work to accelerate local adoption of EVs, while benefiting the economic, social, and environmental vitality of their community. Native nations pursuing EV Smart certification will receive the following benefits:

- Technical assistance
- Roadmap for securing both state and federal funding sources
- Partnership development with local electric utilities and other private partners
- Recognition as an “EV Smart Native Nation” program participant

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Support organizing educational events for your community and staff
- Assistance creating an informational section for EVs on your webpage
- Guidance on adding EVs into planning documents
- Building relationships with local electric utilities and car dealerships
- Development of a roadmap for actions to be EV ready
- And more!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To participate in the EV Smart Native Nations program or for more information, contact Diana McKeown, Metro CERT Director at the Great Plains Institute, at dmckeown@gpisd.net.

Has your city already completed many EV readiness actions? If so, talk to Diana about the opportunity to participate in the EV Smart- Light Duty program.

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