

New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Office of Just Energy Transition (OJET) Growing the Clean Energy Workforce – Electric Vehicles (GCEW-EV) Request for Applications (RFA) Questions and Answers (Q&A)

(Updated on 6/16/2026) New questions and answers are added frequently and indicated below after each revision date. The Request for Applications (RFA) for the program is available on NYSDOL's [Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

FAQ #1) Where can I find more information about the OJET GCEW-EV?

FAQ A #1) Information on the NYSDOL OJET GCEW-EV RFA can be found on the NYSDOL Funding Opportunities [webpage](#). On this webpage, you will find a link to the [RFA](#); a Questions and Answers (Q&A) document; a Grant Application Checklist; a [Summary Matrix](#), a condensed version of the RFA discussing the purpose, funding, use of funds, allowable costs, contracting information, applicant eligibility, and participant eligibility.

An Applicant Workshop will be held virtually on May 4, 2026, from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM to answer prospective questions. To attend this meeting, Applicants can click the following Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99311320369>. A recording of the Applicant Workshop will be available on the Funding Opportunities webpage after the presentation.

FAQ #2) Is there a deadline for applications for the OJET GCEW-EV RFA?

FAQ A #2) Yes, the deadline for SFS application submission for the OJET GCEW-EV program is no later than 4:00 PM NYS Time on June 5, 2026.

FAQ #3) Is there a possibility that the June 5, 2026, deadline will be extended?

FAQ A #3) We do not anticipate a change in the due date at this time. However, should the deadline be extended, this information will be available on the NYSDOL Funding Opportunities [webpage](#).

FAQ #4) If the \$7M in available funding is not expended by June 5, 2026, will NYSDOL release a new opportunity for this program?

FAQ A #4) We cannot predict future funding opportunities or funding availability at this time. Current and future funding opportunities are posted on the NYSDOL Funding Opportunities [webpage](#).

FAQ #5) Where can I submit an application for the OJET GCEW-EV?

FAQ A #5) Prospective Applicants must submit their application online via the Statewide Financial System (SFS) website at:

https://esupplier.sfs.ny.gov/psc/fscm/SUPPLIER/ERP/c/NUI_FRAMEWORK.PT_LANDINGPAGE.GBL?&.

All Applicants must be registered in SFS prior to submission, and all non-governmental not-for-profit (NFP) Applicants must be designated as prequalified prior to application submission. Please see Section II.D. of the [RFA](#) for additional application submission instructions.

FAQ #6) I have questions about the process of registering our organization in SFS so that we may submit an application for the OJET GCEW-EV program. Where can questions about this process be directed?

FAQ A #6) SFS is a Statewide accounting and financial management system that is not specific to NYSDOL. For questions about this process, please contact the SFS Helpdesk by calling (518) 457-7717 or (855) 233-8363 (toll free), or by emailing helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov.

FAQ #7) Where can I find the attachments I am required to submit with my application and how do I submit them in SFS?

FAQ A #7) All required application attachments, as outlined in Section III.C. of the [RFA](#), can be found in SFS under Event Comments and Attachments and must be attached to the corresponding question in the event.

FAQ #8) What are Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)?

FAQ A #8) [DACs](#) are those that bear the burden of negative public health effects, environmental pollution, impacts of climate change, and possess certain socioeconomic criteria, or comprise high-concentrations of low- and moderate- income households. Additional information on DACs can be found in sections I.A., I.B., and VI. of the [RFA](#).

General Questions (GQ)

GQ #1) Are applicants permitted to include subcontractors or partner organizations to provide wraparound services, such as childcare support, for program participants under the GCEW-EV RFA?

GQ A #1) Yes, per Section II.H. of the [RFA](#), if an applicant applying for the training funds is unable to provide the wraparound services themselves, they may subcontract with other entities that are able to provide wraparound services, such as childcare support. However, wraparound services cannot be reimbursed for individuals not in an approved GCEW-EV program. Additional information on wraparound services can be found in sections II.B.1.b. and VI. of the [RFA](#).

GQ #2) Is training for EV Fleet maintenance required or is training for any EV maintenance program sufficient?

GQ A #2) Training in EV fleet maintenance is not required. A training program can be in EV (light, medium, & heavy duty) maintenance and repair, EV charging station repair and maintenance **and/or** EV fleet maintenance.

GQ #3) We have initiated the application in SFS, but I need guidance on which specific attachments are mandatory for a "Wraparound-only" provider versus a Training provider.

GQ A #3) All required application attachments listed in Section III.C. of the [RFA](#) are required for all applicants. The attachments can be found in SFS under Event Comments and must be attached to the corresponding question in the event.

Note: Applying for funding for standalone, “wraparound-only” services costs is not allowable. Prospective applicants must apply for both training and wraparound service funds, if providing wraparound services. If an applicant applying for training funds is unable to provide wraparound services, they may subcontract with other entities that are able to provide wraparound services.

GQ #4) If applying for funding for training programs in EV (light, medium, & heavy-duty) maintenance and repair, EV charging station repair and maintenance, and/or EV fleet maintenance, do we have to request funding for wraparound services?

GQ A #4) No, applicants are not required to request funding for wraparound services. Applicants can use the funding for training costs only. However, if the applicant intends to use funding toward wraparound services costs, it must be coupled with training. Standalone wraparound services costs are not allowable.

GQ #5) I need help understanding how to correctly categorize our Hybrid Transit Vans and HVAC Clean Air systems to qualify for the \$100,000 equipment bonus.

GQ A #5) The cost of equipment is only an allowable cost when it is directly associated with training in EV (light, medium, & heavy-duty) maintenance and repair, EV charging station repair and maintenance, and/or EV fleet maintenance. The equipment purchases must be for simulation and/or on-the-job (OJT) training purposes only. Please refer to sections II.A. and II.B. of the [RFA](#) regarding the funding for equipment.

GQ #6) Can you clarify the level of detail required for the EV Program Work Plan Attachment (WPA)?

GQ A #6) Per Section IV.B.3. of the [RFA](#), the Work Plan summary, objectives, tasks, and performance measures should provide detail to show how Applicants are going to demonstrate the work they are doing throughout the duration of the contract. For an example of a Work Plan that meets all the evaluation criteria presented in the RFA, please see the Work Plan Attachment in SFS.

GQ #7) Is there a technical assistant or a "Help Desk" representative within OJET who can walk me through these forms to ensure we meet the June 5th deadline?

GQ A #7) NYSDOL does not have a specific help desk for questions regarding this RFA. Per Section III.A. of the [RFA](#), applicants may submit questions via electronic mail to WDTD.Onestop@labor.ny.gov. Questions regarding the RFA will be accepted on an ongoing basis until May 15, 2026. No telephone inquiries will be accepted. Additionally, an applicant workshop will be held virtually on May 4, 2026, from 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM. Please also see the response to FAQ A#1.

New Questions as of 5/26/26:

GQ #8) Can a SUNY organization be the main applicant for the grant with the intention that the funds could support the training of Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) employees?

GQ #8) Yes, a SUNY organization is eligible to apply for this opportunity and could train MTA employees. Per Section II.H. of the RFA, eligible applicants include for-profit entities, including

corporations, LLCs, LLPs, etc.; NFP entities; municipalities; trade associations and unions; educational institutions, including technical high schools, colleges, and universities; or any combination of these entities as a consortium.

Section II.I. of the RFA discusses eligible participants of the program, which include NYS Agency and Public Authority employees who live in DACs.

GQ #9) I heard in the Applicant workshop that the Office of General Services (OGS) cannot apply for these funds, but that agency and authority staff can be recipients of the training developed with these funds. Is that right? Can OGS be named as a partner organization whose staff can be trained?

GQ A #9) Correct, per Section II.H. of the RFA, NYS Agencies and Public Authorities, such as OGS, are not eligible to apply for funding. However, NYS Agency and Public Authority employees who live in DACs are eligible participants if being trained by the Applicant organization (RFA Section II.I.).

GQ#10) Can my organization apply if I am receiving funding through another program funded through NYPA which ends June 30, 2026?

GQ A #10) Yes, per Section II.H. of the RFA and Minimum Requirement, Applicants with executed or pending contracts with NYSDOL, the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), NYPA or another State entity doing similar training/upskilling programs are eligible to apply for funding if the application does not propose services to the same individuals as the executed or pending contract(s). In addition, the payments requested from awarded contracts under this RFA cannot duplicate reimbursement from other sources of funding.

New Questions as of 6/16/26:

GQ#11) We have a partner that wants to train hundreds of employees, but the employees do not want to disclose their home address as part of the free training program. This is required to verify DAC. Can the employees sign a form verifying they went to the DAC website, typed in their home address, and can verify that it does/does not reside in a DAC?

GQ A #11) Per Section I.A. of the RFA, there is a minimum requirement that 35% of enrolled program participants must be individuals residing in DACs and Applicants will be required to submit the DAC Attestation Form stating this requirement will be met. Per Section II.J.4. of the RFA, as part of the reporting requirements, Contractors must submit individual participant level data to NYSDOL. Contractors will be required to document trainee information specifically on Trainee Information Forms (TIFs) which includes the trainee's address. Please review the sample TIF provided in the Events Comments and Attachments section in SFS.

GQ#12) We plan to offer training throughout the State to over 200 incumbent workers from many different organizations. If we are recruiting and training all program participants, can we apply for the maximum amount or would the amount we apply for be limited to the number of incumbent workers from one, single organization? We would like to aggregate all individuals trained under our organization (101+) and apply for the maximum amount of funding.

GQ A #12) The funding request amount is based on how many employees the Applicant has in their organization. Per Section II.A. of the [RFA](#), awards may not exceed \$275,000 for Applicants with 2-50 employees; \$375,000 for Applicants with 51-100 employees; or \$500,000 for

Applicants with 101 or more employees. An additional award amount of up to \$100,000 can be requested for the purchase of equipment.

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