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Hawaii EV Ready Grants are available

The state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism is seeking grant applications from Hawaii businesses, nonprofit organizations and state and county government entities to support the installation of commercially available and standard-compliant electric vehicle charging equipment and to accelerate the adoption of full-speed electric drive vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in Hawaii.

The Hawaii EV Ready Grants Program has approximately \$3 million available for grants to make Hawaii ready for electric vehicles. The funds are from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and are explicitly directed for use in Hawaii's state energy program under the U.S. Department of Energy. The Hawaii EV Ready Grants will be administered by DBEDT. The deadline for application submission is 11 a.m. July 26.

The grant program is in addition to an electric vehicle rebate program starting in August, which will provide rebates of up to \$4,500 for the purchase of full-speed, commercially available electric vehicles and up to \$500 for electric vehicle chargers.

"The grant program is intended to help the infrastructure market in Hawaii get established, to support the electric vehicles arriving later this year and in 2011 and 2012," said Ted Peck, energy program administrator. "This grant program will support the installers of this important part of our energy independence and will employ electricians and others in building our energy future to use clean, renewable sources."

The full grant opportunity announcement is available at hawaii.gov/dbedt/energy.