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Nevada has still not released an application for electric vehicle (EV) charging operators to access millions of dollars in National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funding. While other states are celebrating the opening of the first NEVI chargers, the businesses along Nevada's interstates still can't apply to participate in this program, which was part of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Charge Ahead Partnership, a coalition of businesses working to expand the nation's EV charging network through free-market competition and private investment, encourages the state to open up applications so that private businesses can broaden their investment in EV charging through this grant-matching program.

The NEVI Program authorized the federal government to distribute \$5 billion to states to provide grant funding for businesses that want to offer EV charging. Nevada is set to receive a total of \$38 million over five years.

Nevada is one of just 15 states that has still not issued an application for EV charging providers hoping to receive a grant. Much of the media coverage about the NEVI program has highlighted how slowly this program is rolling out, but the federal government has approved Nevada's plan and now the state is responsible for getting the grants into the hands of EV charging operators.

"Nevada has countless businesses that are ideally suited to help build out the state's EV charging infrastructure by adding EV charging to the services they offer at their locations," said Charge Ahead Partnership executive director Jay Smith. "Utah just opened its first NEVI-funded charger last week, but interested applicants in Nevada still cannot even apply to receive a NEVI grant. There is no reason why it should be taking this long for Nevada to open up applications."

NEVI is a matching grant program, designed to spark investment in EV charging infrastructure by offsetting the start-up costs for buying and installing high-speed EV chargers at strategic locations along each state's major highways. The vast majority of funds deployed by other states have gone to private enterprise, allowing small businesses and national chains to add EV charging to the services they provide to customers.

The sluggish deployment of NEVI in Nevada slows the growth of the private EV charging marketplace and increases the need for captive utility ratepayers to fund power company-owned charging networks, as has been widely practiced in the state.

"EV charging is a growing and vibrant business opportunity in Nevada," Smith said. "The NEVI program has helped business owners across the country expand into EV charging, and we urge Nevada to pick up the pace."

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