

NEVI Compliance Checklist

The federal minimums, the documentation a reviewer will ask for, and the certification details that cause most application rejections. Prepared for site hosts, fleet operators and developers scoping a federally funded charging project.

2026 EDITION · VERIFY STATE PROGRAM TERMS BEFORE COMMITTING CAPITAL

NEVI funding flows through your state DOT, not from a federal application portal. The state submits a plan, receives an apportionment, runs a solicitation and awards funds. The federal share can cover up to 80 percent of eligible project costs. Everything below is the part of the process that decides whether an application survives review.

1 / FEDERAL MINIMUMS THE HARDWARE MUST MEET

REQUIREMENT	WHAT IT MEANS IN PROCUREMENT
Four ports at 150 kW each	Simultaneously deliverable. Site power design must support the full simultaneous load, not a derated average.
CCS connectors	With NACS support. Connector strategy is a design decision with a bill of materials behind it.
OCPP 1.6J or 2.0.1	Remote monitoring and diagnostics must work with the operator's back end. Confirm the version named in the solicitation.
Open payment	Card reader plus contactless. App-only payment does not satisfy the requirement.
97 percent annual uptime	Measured and reported. Reliability becomes a contract term with money attached.
Domestic content conditions	Steel and manufactured products need documented sourcing. Confirm per solicitation.

2 / DOCUMENTATION A REVIEWER WILL ASK FOR

- ☐ **Certificate numbers and scope** — the certificate number, the standard it is issued to, and the product range inside the listed scope.
- ☐ **Test report references** — the report number behind the listing, available on request.
- ☐ **Certificate holder match** — the holder must be the entity you contract with, not an affiliated trading entity.
- ☐ **Standard and edition** — stated explicitly, with validity dates that cover your project and warranty period.
- ☐ **Domestic content evidence** — component sourcing documented by cost, not by assembly location claims.
- ☐ **Uptime reporting plan** — how availability will be measured, recorded and reported to the state.
- ☐ **Warranty and spare parts terms** — response times, coverage period and parts availability commitment.
- ☐ **Configuration control** — evidence that the delivered unit matches the tested configuration. A listing binds a specific build.

TIMING NOTE

Collect this documentation before submission, not after a conditional award. Buyers who wait until award to assemble certificate records and sourcing evidence lose weeks on the construction schedule.

3 / CERTIFICATION CHECKS, BY EQUIPMENT TYPE

EQUIPMENT	STANDARD	WHAT TO CONFIRM
DC fast charging equipment	UL 2202 Edition 3	Scope covers DC conductive charging equipment, input to 1000 V ac or 1500 V dc, output capped at 1500 V dc.
AC charging stations (Level 1/2)	UL 2594	Applies to equipment supplying AC power to the vehicle's onboard charger.
Plugs, receptacles, couplers	UL 2251	Connector assemblies listed separately from the charging equipment.
Shock protection systems	UL 2231-1 and 2231-2	Personnel protection requirements for EV supply circuits.
Canadian and Mexican marks	CSA C22.2 No. 346:22 / NMX-J-817-ANCE	Harmonized content with UL 2202 Edition 3. One program can support all three markets.

4 / VERIFICATION, IN FIVE STEPS

- ☐ Request the certificate number and the standard it is issued to, not the logo on the datasheet.
- ☐ Search the number in the issuing body's public directory (UL Product iQ for UL listings).
- ☐ Confirm the holder is the entity you are contracting with.
- ☐ Read the scope and check that your models fall inside it.
- ☐ Check standard, edition and validity dates against your project and warranty timeline.

5 / COMMON REJECTION CAUSES

- ☐ Certificate does not match the delivered configuration
- ☐ Match sourced from another federal program
- ☐ Wrong OCPP version for the solicitation
- ☐ Documents submitted piecemeal after award
- ☐ No measurable uptime reporting capability
- ☐ Domestic content claimed without cost evidence

6 / FUNDING STACK STATUS, 2026

SOURCE	STATUS
NEVI formula funds	Up to 80 percent of eligible project costs. FY2026 apportionment of \$885 million. Last full year of formula funding.
Section 30C federal tax credit	Ended. No credit for property placed in service after June 30, 2026.
State rebates and grants	Active and now the largest part of the incentive stack. Amounts and deadlines change quarterly.
Utility make-ready programs	Often covers the electrical infrastructure cost, and frequently decides whether a project pencils out.

Sources. FHWA notice N4510.909 (October 2025) for the FY2026 apportionment; FHWA interim final guidance (August 11, 2025); Section 30C terms per IRS and the Alternative Fuels Data Center; UL 2202 Edition 3 scope language per UL Standards; state program figures per the administering agencies named at fbkpower.com/blog. State terms change faster than federal rules. Confirm current amounts with the administering agency.