

## NHDES Community Charging Grant Program Public Comment: Guiding Questions & Responses

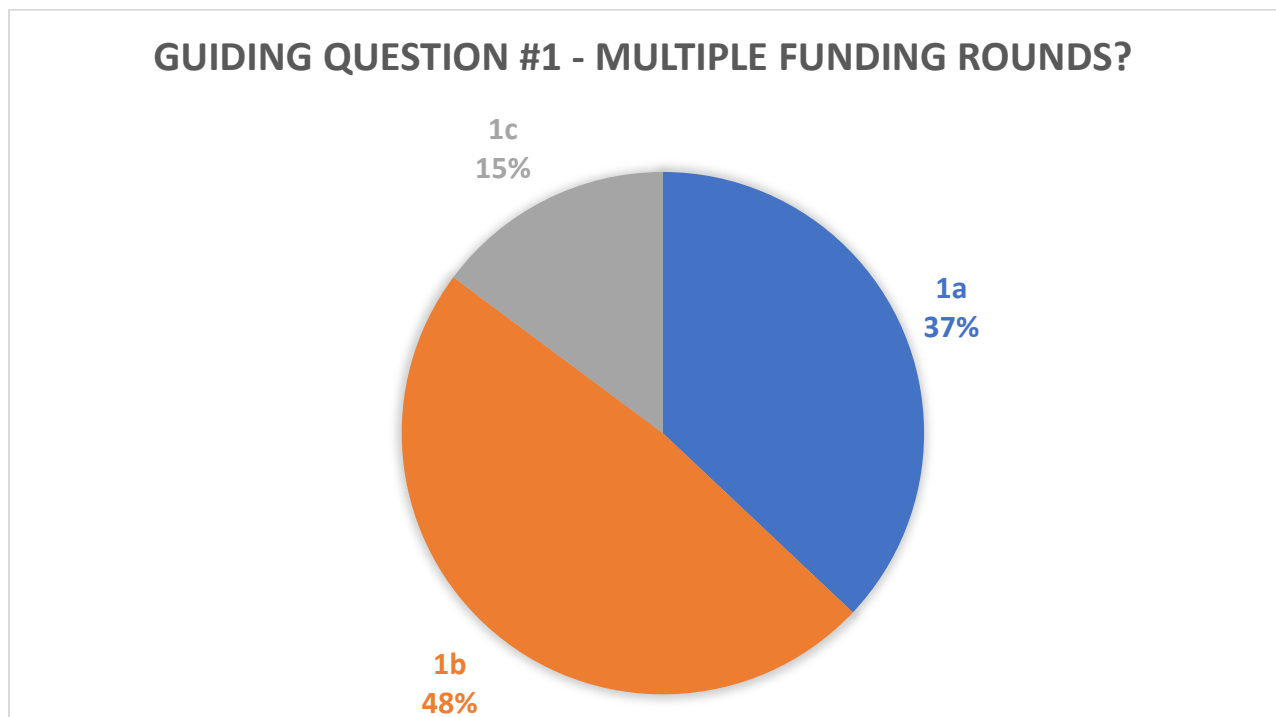
(Note: Responses reflect combined input from both the Public Comment Form, which was available from September 20 through October 6, and the two Virtual Listening Sessions held on October 26, 2023.)

### Guiding Question #1 – Multiple Rounds?

NHDES is considering **multiple, subsequent rounds** of the request for proposals and **scoring each round individually**. *For example, if proposals were due December 1, February 1 and April 1, then: proposals received by December 1 would be scored together, then proposals received between December 1 and February 1 would be scored together, etc.* This would let us start the contract phase for projects earlier and help communities sooner, although it may mean funds are used up before the final period. **What do you think about this method?**

- A. **Yes** - NHDES should set up multiple submission periods, allowing NHDES to potentially start contracting projects earlier.
- B. **No** - NHDES should consider all eligible projects at the end of the request period, allowing all applicants the full period to submit their materials.
- C. **Other?**

### Responses:

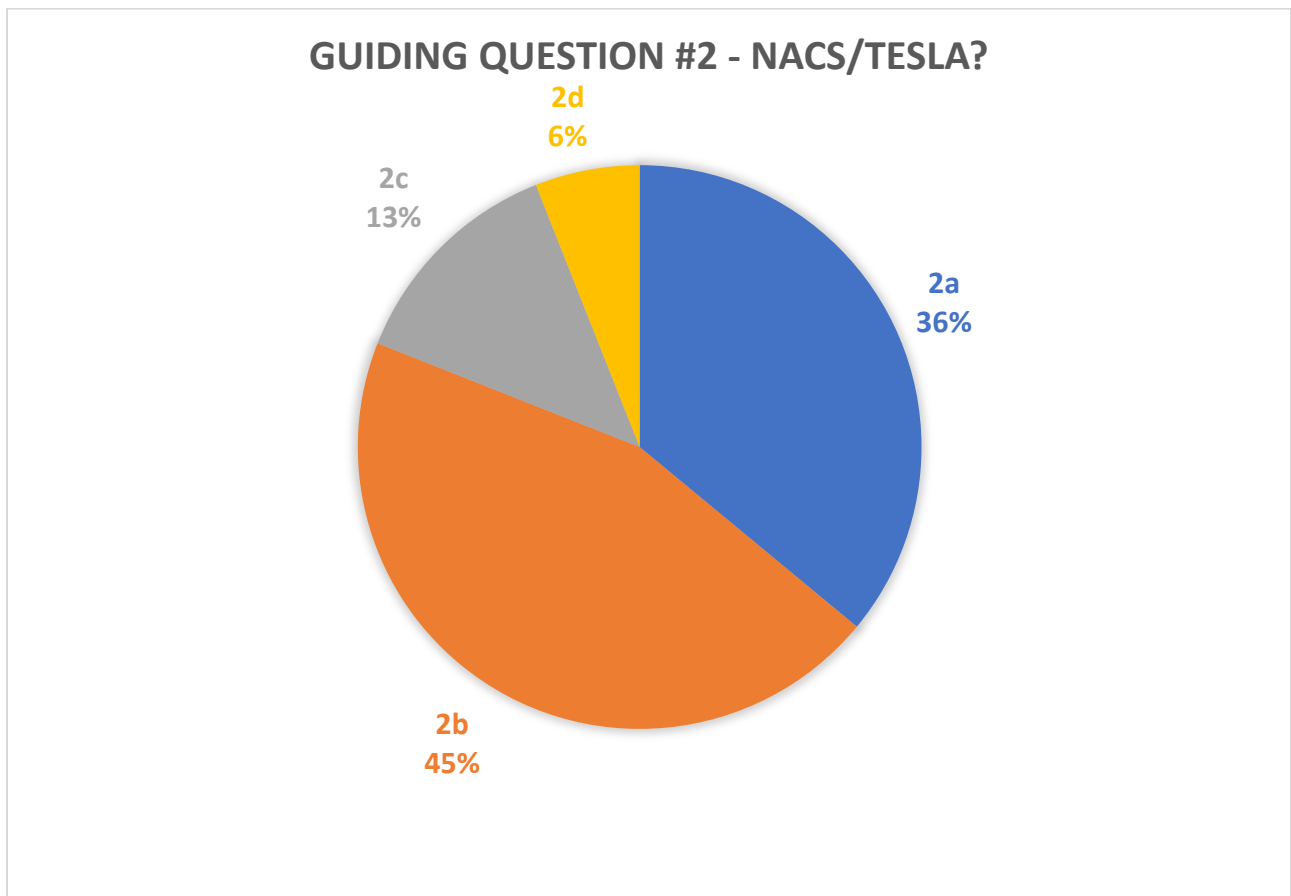


### Guiding Question #2 – NACS/Tesla?

The NEVI standards require that all ports include CCS1 charging plugs, but they do not prohibit the inclusion of other charging plugs. While many vehicle manufacturers have signed on to produce NACS-capable vehicles, Tesla chargers throughout the state may already serve these vehicles. Taking this into account, which of the following would you recommend?

- A. NHDES **requires** NACS plugs **in addition to** CCS1 plugs.
- B. NHDES **may fund** NACS plugs **in addition to** CCS1 plugs, but not require them.
- C. NHDES **should not fund** NACS plugs whatsoever.
- D. **Other?** (Please clarify in the chat)

### Responses:

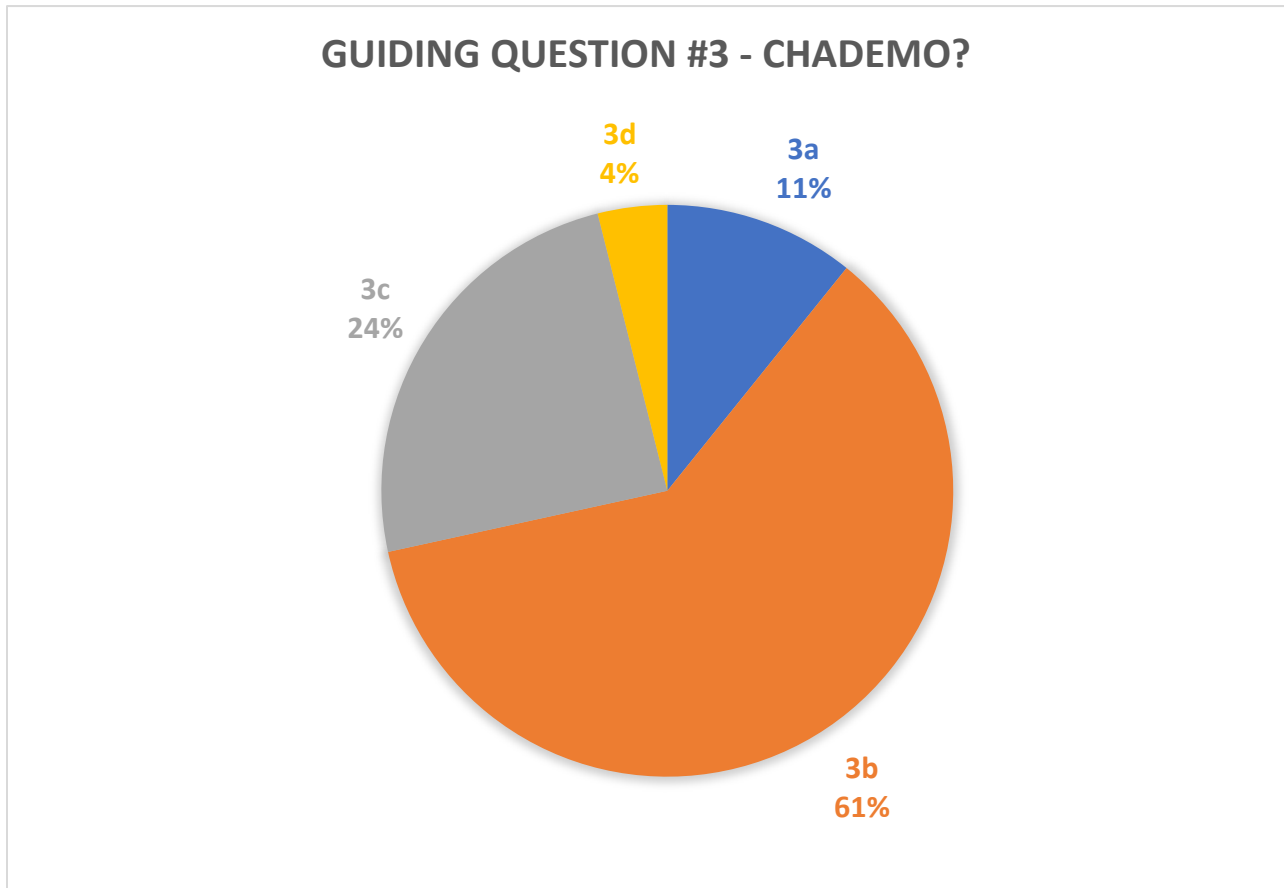


### Guiding Question #3 – CHAdeMO?

While the CHAdeMO charging system has become less common on newly announced vehicles, it may still be necessary for legacy EVs and used EVs. Like the previous question, which of the following would you recommend?

- A. NHDES **requires** CHAdeMO plugs in addition to CCS1 plugs.
- B. NHDES **may fund** CHAdeMO plugs in addition CCS1 plugs, but **not require** them.
- C. NHDES **should not fund** CHAdeMO plugs whatsoever.
- D. **Other?** (Please clarify in the chat)

**Responses:**



**Guiding Question #4 – Availability?**

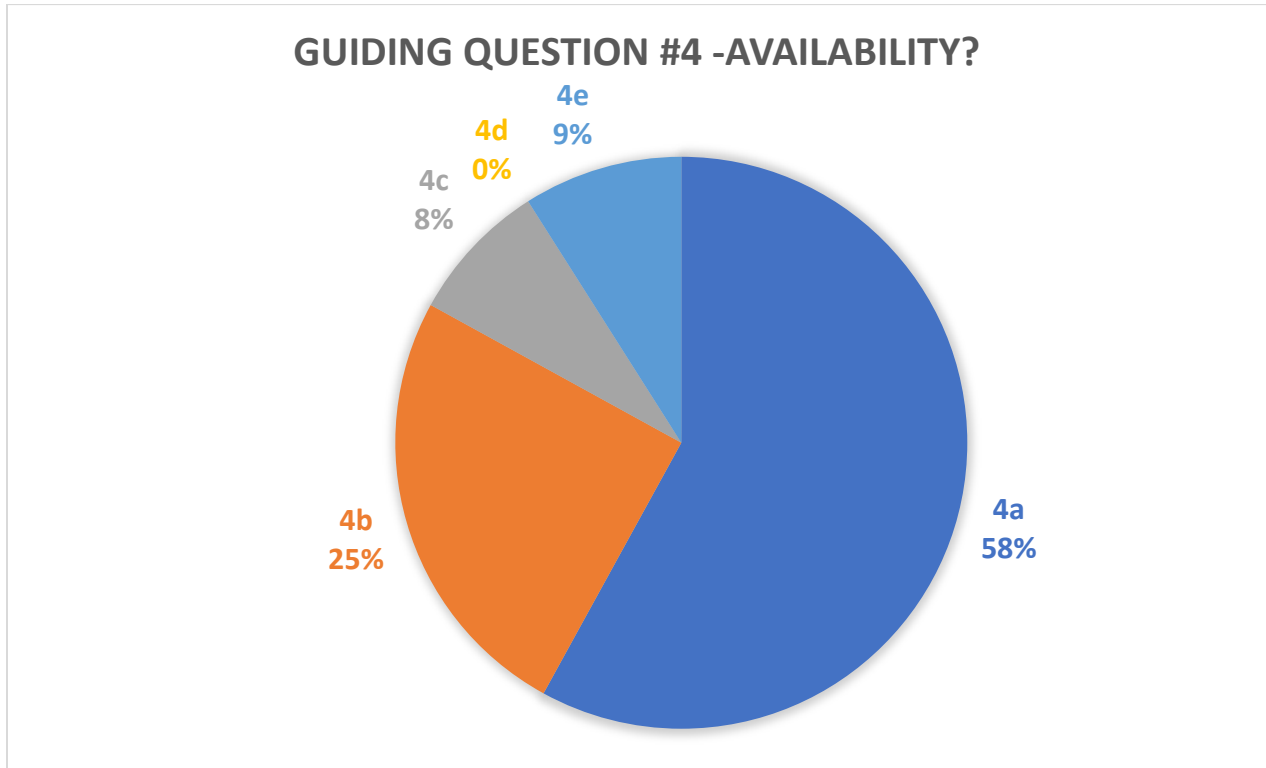
The CFI guidance for community programs states that chargers must be available at least as frequently as the business hours of the site they are installed upon. *In our VW DCFC RFP, we required 24/7 availability and access.* NHDES is considering requiring 24/7 availability for chargers funded under this grant as well.

**What do you think of this?**

- A. NHDES should require all chargers to be open 24/7.
- B. Chargers should be open at least as frequently as business hours but NHDES should favor projects proposing more availability.
- C. NHDES should require DCFC to be open 24/7, but not Level 2 chargers.

- D. NHDES should require Level 2 chargers to be open 24/7, but not DCFC.
- E. **Other?** (Please clarify in the chat)

**Responses:**



**Guiding Question #5 – Infrastructure?**

While chargers can be expensive, the cost of infrastructure upgrades and other site-work (sometimes called “make-ready” costs) can cost even more. Some sites may need more upgrades than others. NHDES could fund some degree of these costs, but at the expense of the total number of projects funded. **How do you believe NHDES should balance these two priorities?**

- A. NHDES **should maximize funding** of make-ready costs, even if this means minimizing the number of projects that get funded.
- B. NHDES **should fund much** of the make-ready costs, even if this means reducing the number of projects selected.
- C. NHDES **should fund some** of the make-ready costs, ensuring more projects can be funded.
- D. NHDES **should fund minimal** make-ready costs, ensuring the maximum number of projects can be funded.
- E. **Other?** (Please clarify in the chat)

**Responses:**

