
Applicant Information

Instructions

- 1) Review the eligibility information, evaluation criteria, and award recipient requirements before completing the grant application.
- 2) Complete this **EVolve Grant Application**. Compile and submit all necessary supporting documentation.
- 3) E-mail the complete application package to e-mobility@santeecooper.com **EVolve Grant** in the subject line.

The application package should include:

- a) **EVolve Grant Application** (PDF)
- b) Supporting doc 11.04 Th1.04.00000912 0 612 02 reW* nBT/F4 11.04 Tf1 0 0 1 164.9 464.2

EVolve Grant Information

Santee Cooper is pleased to make transportation electrification funding available to

Project Examples

To adapt to a rapidly evolving market, there is flexibility in the types of projects considered for grant funding. **Table 2** shows potential project types. These project examples are illustrative and do not rule out alternative project proposals from consideration. You can apply for one or a combination of any of the project categories. Projects are not limited to the examples shown, but funded awards cannot exceed \$25,000 total.

Table 2. Project Examples

Project Category	Project Example
Education / Outreach	An applicant requests funding to create a special EV event (e.g., a university proposes a showcase for students, faculty, and community members).
	An applicant requests funding to create a public outreach program to educate local communities or groups about the environmental benefits of EVs.
Electric Fleet Conversion	An applicant requests funding to convert light-, medium-, or heavy-duty vehicle(s) from internal combustion engines (ICE) to electric vehicles (EV). This can be a single vehicle or part of a larger plan to electrify their fleet.
Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	An applicant (e.g., multifamily property or business owner) requests funding to install EV charging infrastructure and provide charging as an amenity for use (e.g., public, workplace, etc.).
Make-Ready Research / Needs Assessment	An applicant requests funding for an assessment or study with the goal of expanding EV/electrification options and infrastructure (e.g., in a city, county, region, community, etc.).



Application Evaluation

Santee Cooper uses an independent, third-party grant manager to review and score projects based on the criteria outlined in **Table 3** below.

Table 3. EVolve Grant Criteria

Criteria	Measures
Project Design and Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project need has been clearly identified Project serves the identified need and provides direct community benefits (economic, environmental, educational, and/or social) Project benefits underserved communities (rural communities, low-to-medium-income communities, low/medium-priced multi-family units, environmental justice communities, etc.) Partner and/or vendor engagement Community input and engagement (e.g., residents, guests, workplace, public, etc.) Key project elements included
Feasibility and Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> project plan and timeline Identified potential barriers and plan to address them Technology aligns with the project goals
Costs and Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant has demonstrated need for EVolve grant funding Alignment of project costs with industry standards Viability of the proposed budget Financial risks are identified and mitigated

EVolve Grant Application

Interested applicants should complete and submit the grant application form below.

Applicant Information	
Name of Organization	Empower Volunteers
Santee Cooper customer account number	12345678

(If applicant is not the property owner, please complete the Landlord Consent Form and submit with application packet)	
Organization website address, if applicable	EmpowerVolunteers.com
<p>Primary Project Contact Information</p> <p>This contact will be the primary point of contact responsible for project updates, reports, and coordination.</p> <p>Please notify e-mobility@santecooper.com as soon as possible if the primary contact changes.</p>	
Name	Sandy Cooper
Title	Executive Director
Organization name	Empower Volunteer Foundation

<p>Name of individual completing application (Include affiliation and contact information if different from primary contact or contractor/installer)</p>	<p>Sandy Cooper</p>
<p>How did you hear about Santee Cooper's EVolve Grant program? (Select all that apply)</p>	<p>Bill insert Online ad Word-of-mouth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santee Cooper website Santee Cooper employee News article Other (please specify)</p>
<p>Please verify that the project satisfies the Requirements and Eligibility provided above</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify that this project meets Santee Cooper's EVolve Grant funding award eligibility requirements listed under Requirements and Eligibility.</p>

Physical address where project will be implemented.

- Include facility name, street address, city, state, zip code, and/or GPS coordinates.
- If the project does not have a specific address, please explain the route, stops, or localized areas that the project will be serving.

123 Electric Avenue, Myrtle Beach, SC

Project Category

(Select all that apply. Your grant request can include one or a combination of any of the categories listed.)

Education/Outreach

Electric Fleet Conversion

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Make-Ready Research/Needs Assessment

Other. Please explain:

**For EVSE Projects
(Charging Infrastructure)**

Level 2

Quantity:

Equipment Details

(Complete all that apply)

For EV Purchase Projects	
Total Number of Vehicles to be Purchased	1
Make and Model of Each Vehicle	Ford E-Transit Shuttle Van

Project Design and Benefits

Project Purpose

At a high level, provide a summary of the project and its purpose.

Expand access to critical transportation services for rural older, low-income, and medically compromised adults using an electric, ADA accessible vehicle that does not emit harmful tailpipe emissions.

Needs Addressed

What is the unmet need that this project will address? What is the evidence of that need?

- #% of adults and #% of family caregivers are without basic needs
- #% of households are not getting the healthcare due to lack of transportation

Benefits to the Community

How will this project meet that unmet need? Include environmental, economic, equity, and educational benefits to the community.

In the counties served, transportation, access to healthcare, and isolation are major issues:



The program's EV will have an indirect community impact. It will increase EV exposure and awareness as it drives through the local streets.

Additionally, as the program's volunteers drive the vehicle to complete program activities, they will increase their awareness of and potential for purchasing electric vehicles in the future.

Feasibility and Timeline

Project Timeline

Please provide your project timeline, indicating milestones, anticipated completion dates, and additional details.

Due to the current market conditions, demand, and availability, we believe there is a strong chance equipment procurement may be delayed. Our team planned for delays. We are already on a waitlist for a vehicle. If awarded, procurement of the vehicle and chargers will begin in July 2024 and begin serving customers by Q1 2025. Installation of the charger is targeted for January 2025 to help us complete the project within the one-year timeline required by the EVolve grant.

Timeline Risks and Mitigations

What possible risks do you foresee with implementing your project and meeting your outlined timeline? How will you mitigate those risks?

**The identification of risks and plan for mitigating them will not have a negative impact on your application.*

Technology

Why is this the right technology for this project? What needs are you considering in selecting the electric vehicle and charging infrastructure? If your project includes vehicles but no charging infrastructure, please describe your plan for charging the EVs.

Costs & Financing

The applicant is responsible for all up-front costs associated with the project. At project closeout, Santee Cooper will reimburse the applicant for eligible project costs ranging from 25 to 100 percent in one or more project categories up to a maximum of \$25,000.

Financial Structure

Describe the financial structure of the project. Who will own the assets? Where will they be located?

The project secured funding through additional sources (please see attached documentation confirming this). The remaining amount is being requested through this

support. This project will not be possible without the EVOlve grant funding that is being requested or the award of a similar grant from a different source.

PRELIMINARY Financial Summary

Complete each section as it applies to your project with the estimated* costs.

Refer back to Table 1 above for the maximum funding percentage by project category.

Total requested grant funding provided by Santee Cooper not to exceed \$25,000. **Please refer to the list of eligible and ineligible expenses before completing this section.**

Example: Estimated costs of \$10,000 for Education/Outreach and \$30,000 for EV Charging Infrastructure results in Requested Grant Funding of \$10,000 (100%) for Education/Outreach and \$15,000 (50%) for EV Charging Infrastructure for a total of \$25,000.

**Supplemental documentation (e.g., bids, estimates) are required to support requested costs.*

Make Ready & Needs Assessment – up to 100%

Cost(s) Description: (provide details of what the estimated cost(s) will include)	N/A
Estimated Costs	\$
Maximum Grant Funding	100%
Requested Grant Funding for Make Ready & Needs Assessment:	\$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Cannot exceed estimated costs * maximum grant funding</i> - <i>Cannot exceed \$25,000 total</i>

Education & Outreach – up to 100%

Cost(s) Description: (provide details of what the estimated cost(s) will include)	N/A
Estimated Costs	\$
Maximum Grant Funding	100%
Requested Grant Funding for Education & Outreach:	\$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Cannot exceed estimated costs * maximum grant funding</i> - <i>Cannot exceed \$25,000 total</i>



Certification

I certify that I have reviewed the application and the award recipient requirements in preparation for applying for this grant.

I understand and certify that should this project be awarded funding, my organization will be able to meet the award recipient requirements as described at <https://www.santeecooper.com/Programs-Incentives/EmpowerAuto/Commercial/>. I also understand that if awarded, I am responsible for all up-front costs to implement the outlined project and will be reimbursed at project closeout for eligible costs ranging from 25 to 100 percent in one or more project categories up to a maximum of \$25,000 of total grant funding.

I attest that the information provided in this application is both accurate and current.

I also understand that submitting an application in no way obligates Santee Cooper to provide funding to this project and that funds are distributed at the sole discretion of Santee Cooper.

Signature: Sandy Cooper Date: 1-30-2023
Printed name: Sandy Cooper
Title: Executive Director
Organization: Empower Volunteer Foundation
Contact number: (843) 123-4567

If this request is being submitted by multiple parties or a party other than the project owner, please indicate below by providing the party's name, title and contact information.

The project owner must approve the submittal on their behalf through a signature, demonstrating that all the parties linked to the project have reviewed the application and support the project, along with supporting documentation (please see the **Application Checklist** below for a comprehensive list of required attachments).

Approving party (project host/owner) if other than project applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Contact number: _____

Checklist of Supplemental Documents for Applications with Physical Assets

For any project that includes the installation of infrastructure, procurement of EVs, or any other physical assets, the following documents are required.

Equipment



Optional Documents for All Applications

The following documents are optional but may strengthen your application.

Letters of Support

- Other support letters from key community members or leaders, etc. may be provided to support the application.

Team Credentials. A list of project team members, roles, and qualifications, such as:

- Resumes of the project manager and other key team members.
- List of any similar projects completed.