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Consumer Information Package

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Honoring purchases made on or after April 1, 2023

REBATES ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

Program Information

The Virgin Islands Energy Office (VIEO) State Energy Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (SEP BIL Grant EE0010105) E-Mobility (Electric-Mobility or EM) Rebate Program goal is to provide financial incentives to residents for the purchase of approved Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes).

The program will afford residents the opportunity to reduce fossil fuel dependency, while encouraging the growth of EVs and E-Bikes demand in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The program benefits will contribute both financially and environmentally to meet established goals:

- 1. Promote transportation electrification throughout the Territory.
- 2. Afford residents the opportunity to make energy conservation upgrades.
- 3. Afford residents the opportunity to experience energy cost savings.
- 4. Outlined in the U.S. Virgin Islands Vehicle Electrification Roadmap (2022) to comply with the Territory's goal of reducing fossil fuel dependency by 60% by 2025.

Consumers who invest in EVs realize lower fuel costs, better quality vehicle performance, and the opportunity to capitalize on local financial incentives and federal tax credits. In fact, households with photovoltaic (PV) systems can use the excess power produced to charge EVs, and businesses in locations with charging stations can capitalize on that access.

E-Bikes are also eligible for rebates, and they provide an alternative electrified transportation option within the Territory.

Your purchase of an approved, zero emission, battery electric vehicle (BEV), or fuel cell vehicle (FCV) may qualify for up to an additional \$7,500 tax credit. For more information, go to https://www.irs.gov/clean-vehicle-tax-credits, or speak to a tax accountant.



VIRGIN ISLANDS ENERGY OFFICE E-Mobility Rebate Program





TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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REBATE PROCESS

Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

EV Rebate Required Supporting Documentation:

- 1. Completed IRS W-9 form (with mailing address noted).
- 2. USVI Government-issued ID:
 - ♦ If applying as an individual, a copy of the applicant's valid USVI driver's license or valid U.S. Government-issued ID and copy of stamped USVI Tax Return
 - If applying as an organization, such as a small business, non-profit, or not-for-profit (excluding dealerships), a copy of a local business license is required
- 3. A copy of the executed and signed vehicle purchase agreement.
- 4. A copy of the Electric Vehicle Title or Lien Letter.
- 5. Active USVI Auto Registration.
- 6. Signed EM Rebate Program Terms and Conditions.

E-Bike Rebate Required Supporting Documentation:

- 1. Completed IRS W-9 form (with mailing address noted).
- 2. USVI Government-issued ID:
 - If applying as an individual, a copy of the applicant's valid USVI driver's license <u>or</u> valid U.S. Government-issued ID and copy of stamped USVI Tax Return
 - If applying as an organization, such as a small business, non-profit, or not-for-profit (excluding dealerships), a copy of a local business license is required
- 3. A copy of the E-Bike receipt.
- 4. Signed EM Rebate Terms and Conditions.

To apply for a rebate:

- 1. All documentation listed above must have matching applicant name.
- 2. After taking possession of the approved, zero emission, battery electric vehicle and registering it with the USVI Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), apply online or through our offices with the required supporting documentation or after purchasing an E-Bike from an approved vendor, apply online **or** through our offices with the required supporting documentation.
- 3. The Program Administrators will reserve your rebate funds after your completed application and required documents have been received.
- 4. Submit applications in person to the Energy Office locations below:

St. Thomas Office:

8000 Nisky Center, 2nd Floor, Suite 208

Phone: (340) 714-8436 (VIEO)

St. Croix Office:

#2 Estate Carlton, Suite 3, Frederiksted

Phone: (340) 713-8436 (VIEO)

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

As a condition for receiving the VIEO E-Mobility Rebate, you (the applicant/purchaser) must comply with the requirements below. You are responsible for reviewing the VIEO EM Rebate Program requirements before applying for a rebate.

Program Requirements:

- 1. Be a resident of the U.S. Virgin Islands or a U.S. Virgin Islands small business, non-profit, or not-for-profit (excluding dealerships) located and licensed to operate in the U.S. Virgin Islands. **Proof of U.S. Virgin Islands** residency is required to complete a VIEO EM Rebate Application.
- 2. Be a purchaser of a new or used eligible battery electric vehicle (BEV) purchased at a licensed Automobile Dealership in the Virgin Islands <u>or</u> at a licensed Out-of-Territory Dealership with a <u>final purchase price</u> at or below the final sales and purchase price agreement of \$65,000† for new vehicles, and \$50,000‡ for used vehicles with under 20,000 miles.
 - † \$65,000 price cap does not include taxes, registration fees, delivery fees, incentives, or rebates, etc. \$50,000 price cap does not include taxes, registration fees, delivery fees, incentives, or rebates, etc.
- 3. Applications for used EVs that are within a maximum of four (4) model years old from the date of purchase will be deemed eligible. For instance, in 2024, used EV purchases including model years 2020 to 2024 will be acceptable, and this pattern will persist until funds are exhausted. To ensure eligibility for the US tax credit on used EVs, please refer to the irs.gov website.
- 4. Used vehicles <u>must</u> have a clean title, i.e., no salvaged, junk, reconstructed, rebuilt, water damaged, or dismantled titles.
- 5. Be a purchaser of a qualifying new E-Bike from an approved local vendor.
- 6. I understand I must keep ownership of this EV or E-Bike for at least three (3) years.

Rebate Overview:

- ♦ \$5,000 rebate for approved new and used Electric Vehicles
- ♦ \$500 rebate for qualifying E-Bikes from approved vendor

Rebate Limitations:

- VIEO EM Rebates are limited to one (1) application per household (i.e., individual) and two (2) applications per business entity, i.e., small business, non-profit, or not-for-profit (excluding dealerships).
- 2. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and issued to qualifying recipients. Rebates are subject to availability of funds through the SEP BIL Grant EE0010105, VIEO EM Program Rebate.

By checking the terms and conditions box, you (the applicant) agree to the following:

- I understand that VIEO reserves all rights and remedies available under the law to enforce the terms of this agreement.
- I understand that any false statement made in the submitted information may be punishable under Virgin Islands Law, and in accordance with any applicable statute.
- ♦ I understand that VIEO reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions and/or terminate the VIEO EM Rebate Program at its sole discretion.
- I understand that the submittal of a rebate application form does not guarantee a rebate.
- I understand I must keep ownership of this vehicle for at least three (3) years.

Applicant Name, (Last, First, MI)		
Applicant Signature	Date	







INCOMPLETE AND UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Please check off & attach the foll ☐ Completed Rebate Application ☐ Signed VIEO EM Rebate Terms 8 ☐ Completed IRS W-9 form (with n ☐ USVI Government-issued identifi ☐ Copy of executed vehicle purcha	원 Conditions mailing address noted) fication	 □ Copy of Electric Vehicle Title or Lien Letter (EV Only) □ USVI Auto Registration (EV Only) For small business & non-profit organizations: □ USVI Business License □ Non-Profit or Not-for-Profit documents 					
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Business or Entity Name:		□ Non-Profit/Not-for-Profit					
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Current Mailing Address:							
Telephone:	Mobile/Cell:	Historic Building: Yes No					
Section 2: Product Information -	— EVs/E-Bikes						
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address. Failure to install rebate items at th	he address listed above will result in	hat the VIEO reserves the right to inspect items to ensure installation at the above in repayment or return of rebate funds. Lunderstand that non-compliance with rosecutable, and that payment is contingent on the availability of funds.					
APPLICANT SIGNATURE		DATE					
Section 3: Questionnaire							
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E-MOBILITY REBATE PROGRAM APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

WHO CAN APPLY?

- This rebate offer applies to all legal residents of the U.S.
 Virgin Islands as well as small businesses, non-profits, and not-for-profit organizations.
- To claim residency, the applicant MUST be domiciled (established as your PRIMARY residence) in the Territory.
- The VIEO will take the following for proof of residency, i.e.,
 VI income tax return or USVI government issued identification (driver's license, voter's ID card, or senior citizen ID card).
- REBATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASES.
- Small businesses (VI WAPA electric bill with an average of 2,500 kWh/month or less)
- Applicants may submit a separate application as an individual resident, as well as a small business, non-profit, and not-for-profit organization (excluding dealerships);
 each not to exceed a rebate amount of \$5,000 on new and used EVs, and \$500 for qualifying E-Bikes from approved vendor.

HOW TO APPLY?

- The VIEO will <u>only</u> accept applications for purchases made on or after the program launch of April 1, 2023.
- Applications can be obtained from the VIEO offices, or online at <u>energy.vi.gov</u>
- Name on the rebate application, IRS W-9 form, USVI vehicle registration, title, identification, and copy of the executed and signed vehicle purchase agreement MUST be the same!
- COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION including the questionnaire, which is used for data collection in determining future grant opportunities.
- ♦ Submit in person to: VIRGIN ISLANDS ENERGY OFFICE
 - ST. CROIX:#2 Estate Carlton, Suite 3, Frederiksted
 - ST. THOMAS:
 8000 Nisky Center, 2nd Floor, Suite 208
- ♦ Apply online at https://energy.vi.gov/electric-vehicles/

QUALIFIED ELECTRIC VEHICLES:

- ♦ The purchase of an approved battery EV through this program must be for your own use, not for resale.
- ♦ New vehicles must:
 - o Cost no more than \$65,000
- Used vehicles must:
 - Cost no more than \$50,000
 - Have no more than 20,000 miles
 - Not be older than four model years
 - Must have a clean title
- Have a battery capacity of at least 20 kilowatt hours (kWh) (EVs Only).

PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- REBATES ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS. THEREFORE, THIS PROGRAM MAY BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE PROGRAM CYCLE.
- The VIEO reserves the right to share payment (rebate) information with the VI Bureau of Internal Revenue.
- Vehicles will need to be physically on site in St. Croix or St. Thomas for VIN verification prior to rebates being completed.
- Non-compliance will result in a request for the return of funds by the applicant and/or prosecution for fraud.
- The VIEO reserves the right to add, delete or change the program rules at our discretion. Modification to the rebate application is not allowed.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact us: St. Croix at (340) 713-8436 (VIEO) St. Thomas at (340) 714-8436

Your purchase of an electric vehicle (EV) or fuel cell vehicle (FCV) may qualify for up to an additional \$7,500 federal tax credit, for more information, go to https://www.irs.gov/clean-vehicle-tax-credits, or speak to a tax accountant.

Thank you for your contribution to reducing fossil fuel dependency and greenhouse gases in the USVI!

Form W-9
(Rev. March 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see Purpose of Form, below.

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

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	3a	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. Individual/sole proprietor C corporation S corporation Partnership Trust/estate					4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):					
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they