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UK EV Charging Grant Report 2026

The Complete Guide to Available Government Funding for EV ChargePoint Installation

Covering all active OZEV grant schemes effective 1 April 2026, including the updated rate uplift to £500 per socket, scheme closures, new application platforms, and a full eligibility matrix for homeowners, landlords, businesses, schools, and local authorities.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2026 Grant Landscape at a Glance

The UK government's electric vehicle charging grant programme underwent its most significant restructuring in April 2026. Five schemes remain active until 31 March 2027 all at the enhanced rate of £500 per socket (up from £350). Three major schemes closed permanently on 31 March 2026. And OZEV has explicitly stated that 2026/27 represents the final year of the current home and workplace grant portfolio.

This report provides a comprehensive, up-to-date reference for every grant currently available, every scheme that has recently closed, and what each type of applicant from individual renters to large local authorities can access right now.

Key Facts — April 2026 Update

Five OZEV grant schemes are active until 31 March 2027. Grant rates increased from £350 to £500 per socket on 1 April 2026. Three schemes (Commercial Landlord, SME Staff & Fleets, Residential Carpark Infrastructure) closed 31 March 2026. Residential grants now apply via the Find a Grant platform directly (no longer through installer-only portals). OZEV has described 2026/27 as the final year of the current framework.

Why Act Now?

- The rate uplift to £500/socket took effect 1 April 2026, the highest grant rate in the scheme's history.
- OZEV has confirmed no further extension is expected beyond March 2027. This is the final funding window under the current framework.
- The Commercial Landlord and SME infrastructure grants have permanently closed, removing significant funding routes for those segments.
- Installer claims for recently closed schemes must be submitted by 26 May 2026, a narrow window for eligible projects already underway.

SECTION 1

Complete Grant Overview: All Schemes

The table below summarises every OZEV EV charge point grant scheme, both active and recently closed as of 1 April 2026. Grants shown in red have permanently closed.

Grant Scheme	Applicant	Rate (from Apr 2026)	Maximum	Deadline
EV ChargePoint Grant — Flat Owners & Renters	Flat owners, renters	£500 per socket	1 socket	31 March 2027
EV ChargePoint Grant — Residential Landlords	Residential landlords	£500 per socket	200 sockets/yr	31 March 2027
Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS)	Businesses, charities, public sector	£500 per socket	40 sockets across all sites	31 March 2027 (FINAL year)
WCS — State-Funded Education	Schools, colleges	£2,000 per socket	40 sockets across all sites	31 March 2027
On-Street Residential Charging (Cross-Pavement)	Residents without off-street parking	£500 per socket	1 socket per property	31 March 2027
LEVI Fund (Local Authorities)	Tier 1 local authorities (England)	Capital & capability grants	£381m total fund	Ongoing (multi-tranche)
Residential Carpark Infrastructure Grant	Residential landlords (MUBs)	Up to £30,000 per building	Per building	CLOSED 31 Mar 2026
Commercial Landlord Grant	Commercial landlords	Was £350 per socket	—	CLOSED 31 Mar 2026
SME Staff & Fleets Grant	SMEs <249 employees	Was 75% up to £15,000	5 sites	CLOSED 31 Mar 2026

Closed Scheme Claims Window

Grants that closed on 31 March 2026 (Residential Carpark Infrastructure, Commercial Landlord, SME Staff & Fleets) can still have installer claims submitted until 26 May 2026. Final resubmissions are due by 6 July 2026. Contact LandlordGrantENQ@dvla.gov.uk or CarparkGrantENQ@dvla.gov.uk for these claims.

SECTION 2

Active Grant Schemes: Full Detail

2.1 EV ChargePoint Grant — Flat Owners & Renters

This grant supports individuals who live in flats or rented properties and own or have ordered an eligible EV. It covers 75% of the cost of purchasing and installing an EV ChargePoint socket, up to a maximum of £500 per socket (increased from £350 from 1 April 2026).

From 1 April 2026, applicants apply directly through the government's Find a Grant platform rather than through their installer. Installers must still be OZEV-authorized and submit the claim after installation.

- Eligibility: Must own, lease, or be named primary user of an OZEV-approved EV (or have placed an order).
- Property: Flat or rented residential property only. Standalone house owners are not eligible.
- Parking: Must have private off-street parking available at the property.
- Limit: One socket per person. Cannot claim if already received the legacy EVHS grant.
- Deadline: 31 March 2027.

2.2 EV Chargepoint Grant — Residential Landlords

Residential landlords, including management companies, public authorities, charities, and companies owning the freehold of leased properties, can access grants of £500 per socket for properties they own or manage but do not occupy.

This scheme is highly relevant for build-to-rent operators, housing associations, and local authority housing. The generous annual cap means large portfolios can receive substantial government support.

- Rate: £500 per socket (up from £350 from 1 April 2026).
- Annual maximum: Up to 200 grants per year, a potential £100,000 in annual subsidy.
- Eligible property types: Housing estates, apartment blocks, private social housing, public sector housing.
- Registration requirement: Must be registered with Companies House or VAT-registered with HMRC.
- Deadline: 31 March 2027.

2.3 Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS)

The WCS is the primary funding route for businesses installing EV charging for staff and fleet vehicles. Since its launch it has funded over 60,000 charging sockets with £21.8 million in total grants. The April 2026 update increased the rate to £500 per socket and extended the scheme to 31 March 2027, but OZEV has explicitly called this the final year.

Criteria	Detail
Grant rate (from 1 Apr 2026)	£500 per socket (up from £350)
Maximum sockets	40 across all sites per organisation

Who can apply	Businesses of all sizes, charities, not-for-profits, public sector bodies, small accommodation providers (B&Bs with fewer than 10 rooms)
Eligible locations	England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland (not Channel Islands or Isle of Man)
Parking requirement	Dedicated off-road parking associated with premises; charger must be for staff or fleet (not customer use)
Installer requirement	Must use OZEV-authorized installer
Tax benefit	Businesses can claim 100% of installation costs as a capital allowance; employees not taxed on employer-provided workplace charging
Scheme end date	31 March 2027 — OZEV has described this as the FINAL year; no further extension expected

WCS Tax Advantage

Installing EV charge points via WCS delivers a double financial benefit: the 75% grant upfront, plus the ability to claim 100% of installation costs as a capital allowance in the same tax year. Employees are also not taxed on electricity provided by the employer for workplace charging, making it an attractive staff benefit.

2.4 WCS — State-Funded Education Institutions

Schools, colleges, and other state-funded education bodies have access to a significantly enhanced version of the WCS, with grants of up to £2,000 per socket, four times the standard business rate. Up to 40 sockets across all sites may be claimed.

- Rate: Up to £2,000 per socket (this rate decreased from £2,500 on 1 April 2026).
- Who qualifies: State-funded schools, further education colleges, universities in receipt of state funding.
- Parking requirement: Dedicated off-road parking for staff or fleet.
- Deadline: 31 March 2027.

2.5 On-Street Residential Charging (Cross-Pavement Solution)

For residents who own or rent a property with no off-street parking, a cross-pavement solution grant provides £500 towards installing a chargepoint using a cable management system that safely crosses the pavement between the property and the kerb.

Eligibility requires council confirmation that a suitable on-street parking location exists adjacent to the property. This grant has been extended to 31 March 2027 at the new £500 rate.

- Rate: £500 per socket (up from £350 from 1 April 2026).
- Who qualifies: Residential property owners or renters without off-street parking.
- Council approval: Required, applicants must confirm viable on-street parking with their local authority.
- Deadline: 31 March 2027.

2.6 LEVI Fund (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure)

The LEVI Fund is the government's flagship programme for local on-street charging infrastructure, allocated at £381 million to Tier 1 local authorities across England (county councils, unitary authorities, and combined authorities). It replaces the closed On-Street Residential Charge point Scheme (ORCS) and operates at a far larger scale.

LEVI has two components: capital funding to cover Charge point installation costs, and capability funding to build local authority staff expertise and planning capacity. The stated target is over 100,000 new charge points from this fund.

- Who applies: Tier 1 local authorities (England only). London operates via TfL and borough partnerships.
- What it funds: Primarily low-power on-street charging for residents without off-street parking; EV hubs; innovative on-street solutions.
- Private sector partnership: Projects must demonstrate significant private sector co-investment.
- For businesses: Councils actively seek private land for charging hubs under LEVI. Commercial landowners near residential areas may be approached as hosting partners, potentially accessing installation at zero cost.
- Status: Multi-tranche. Most authorities expected to complete procurement by March 2026 with installations accelerating through 2026/27.

SECTION 3

Closed Schemes: What Has Changed

The following grants closed on or before 31 March 2026. Understanding what has been lost and what alternatives exist, is critical for planning.

Closed Grant	Former Rate	Closed	Replacement / Alternative
SME Staff & Fleets Grant	75% up to £15,000	31 Mar 2026	Use WCS instead (£500/socket, up to 40 sockets)
Commercial Landlord Grant	£350 per socket	31 Mar 2026	No direct replacement; explore WCS for own-use installation
Residential Carpark Infrastructure Grant	Up to £30,000	31 Mar 2026	Claims can still be submitted until 26 May 2026; contact LandlordGrantENQ@dvla.gov.uk
ORCS (On-Street Residential)	Up to £13,000 per point	Closed 2024	Succeeded by LEVI Fund for local authorities in England
Rapid Charging Fund (motorways)	~£950m allocation	Scrapped Jun 2025	£400m redirected to on-street residential charging

● Final Claims Deadline — Urgent

If you were partway through an eligible project under any of the three grants that closed 31 March 2026, you must ensure your installer submits the claim by 26 May 2026. The absolute deadline for resubmissions is 6 July 2026. Do not miss these dates, no extensions will be granted after this point.

Impact of the Rapid Charging Fund Closure

The original £950 million Rapid Charging Fund, designed to expand EV charging infrastructure at motorway service areas, was scrapped in June 2025. The government cited strong private sector investment that had already significantly expanded the rapid charging network, making the public fund redundant. Approximately £400 million from this allocation has been redirected toward on-street residential charging, benefiting the LEVI programme and cross-pavement grant extension.

SECTION 4

Eligibility Quick Reference Matrix

Use the table below to quickly identify which grants are available for each type of applicant. OSP = Off-Street Parking.

Applicant Type	EV Chargepoint Grant	WCS	WCS Education	LEVI Fund	Cross-Pavement Grant
Homeowner (house)	No	No	No	No	If no OSP
Flat owner / renter	Yes	No	No	No	If no OSP
Residential landlord	Yes (up to 200/yr)	No	No	No	No
Business / SME	No	Yes	No	No	No
Charity / Not-for-profit	No	Yes	No	No	No
State-funded school	No	No	Yes	No	No
Local authority (England)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Combining Grants

Applicants cannot claim multiple OZEV grants for the same chargepoint. However, grants can be combined with other incentives: for example, businesses can stack WCS grant savings with the 100% capital allowance tax relief. Local authorities and housing associations may also be able to layer LEVI funding with Section 106 developer contributions or regional Net Zero grants where schemes permit.

SECTION 5

How to Apply: New Platform & Process

From 1 April 2026, a key change to the residential grant application process has been introduced. The Flats & Renters and Residential Landlord grants have moved to the government's Find a Grant platform, allowing customers to apply directly without needing their installer to send them a link.

Step	Stage	What Happens
1	Site Survey	Contact an OZEV-authorized installer (such as National Charging Solutions) for a site survey and quote.
2	Application	For WCS: your installer initiates the application. For residential grants (from 1 Apr 2026): apply directly via the Find a Grant platform (find-government-grants.service.gov.uk) after registering for an account.
3	Eligibility Check	OZEV sends you an online form to confirm eligibility (vehicle ownership, property, parking). Must be completed before installation begins.
4	Voucher Issued	Once approved, a voucher is issued. Installation must be completed within 90 days (extension available on request).
5	Installation	OZEV-authorized installer completes the work. Grant is deducted directly from your invoice, you never handle the grant funds.
6	Claim Submitted	Installer submits claim to OZEV with installation photos, chargepoint serial number, and invoice. OZEV pays the installer directly.
7	Audit (if selected)	OZEV or a third party may carry out a site audit. Ensure all installation records and photographs are retained.

Find a Grant Platform (from 1 April 2026)

Residential applicants (flat owners, renters, and residential landlords) must now register for a Find a Grant account at find-government-grants.service.gov.uk before beginning their application. OZEV-authorized installers submit claims via digital forms rather than a centralised portal. Installers will receive email notifications on claim status.

WCS Application Process

The Workplace Charging Scheme continues to operate through OZEV's standard process. An authorised installer must be engaged first, they initiate the voucher application on the business's behalf. Vouchers are valid for 90 days from approval; extensions can be requested before expiry.

- OZEV authorised installer directory: gov.uk/check-vehicle-chargepoint-installer
- WCS contact: workplacechargingscheme@dvla.gov.uk
- IT issues: OZEV_IT_issues@dvla.gov.uk
- Fraud reporting: counter-fraudbribery@dft.gov.uk

SECTION 6

UK Nations: Devolved Funding & Additional Support

Scotland

Scottish businesses and residents can access all OZEV-administered grants described in this report. In addition, the Energy Saving Trust administers a separate Scottish EV charger grant (currently closed but historically reopened periodically, registration for updates is available at energysavingtrust.org.uk). Scotland also operates interest-free EV loans and additional support for rural or off-grid households through EST Scotland.

Wales

Welsh businesses and residents are eligible for all UK-wide OZEV grants. The Welsh Government has historically supplemented central funding through regional economic development teams. Businesses are encouraged to contact their local authority's economic development team regarding any LEVI-style co-investment opportunities, as several Welsh councils have partnered with charge point operators independently.

Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland businesses and residents can access OZEV grants including the WCS. However, the LEVI Fund is available only to English local authorities. Northern Ireland's Department for Infrastructure has received separate ORCS-linked funding (£1.35 million in 2022) for on-street residential charging. NI currently has a lower density of public chargers than Scotland, meaning the WCS remains the most practical and reliable funding route for most NI businesses.

Scotland Energy Saving Trust Grant

The EST Scotland EV charger grant (up to £400) has historically offered additional residential support on top of OZEV grants. The fund is currently closed but has reopened multiple times. Register at energysavingtrust.org.uk to be notified when it reopens.

SECTION 7

Compliance, Fraud Prevention & Audit

Grant applicants and their installers must comply with OZEV's terms and conditions throughout the application, installation, and post-installation period. Non-compliance can result in grant reclaim and disqualification from future schemes.

Key Compliance Requirements

- All installations must be completed by an OZEV-authorised installer. Using an unauthorised installer invalidates the grant.
- Grant funds go directly to the installer, the discount is shown on your invoice. Grants are not paid in cash.
- Chargepoints must meet OZEV technical specifications published at gov.uk/guidance/electric-vehicle-chargepoint-and-infrastructure-grant-guidance-for-installers.
- For public-accessible chargers (8kW+): contactless payment is mandatory under the Public Charge Point Regulations 2023/24. Non-compliance carries penalties of up to £10,000 per charger.
- Installers must retain installation photographs, serial numbers, and invoices for audit purposes.
- Claiming the same chargepoint under multiple grant schemes constitutes fraud and will result in enforcement action.

OZEV Audit Programme

OZEV operates a routine audit programme, carried out either by OZEV staff or third-party auditors. Selected installations may receive a site visit requiring access to the chargepoint itself. Grant applicants and installers must facilitate any such inspection and provide all requested information. Failure to do so may result in grant reclaim.

Audit Readiness

Retain all installation documentation, photographs, invoices, serial numbers, and eligibility forms for at least three years after installation. OZEV may audit before or after the grant has been paid. If your circumstances change after application (e.g., property ownership, vehicle, or business type), inform your installer immediately, as this may affect eligibility.

NEXT STEPS

How National Charging Solutions Can Help

National Charging Solutions is an OZEV-authorized installer and full-service EV infrastructure partner. We manage the entire grant and installation journey on your behalf, from eligibility assessment to application, installation, claim submission, and ongoing compliance.

Our Grant Management Service

- Free eligibility assessment: We identify which grants apply to your specific situation, property type, and usage requirements.
- Application management: For WCS and workplace grants, we initiate and manage the voucher application. For residential grants, we guide you through the new Find a Grant platform.
- Portfolio approach: We can assess your entire property or site portfolio to maximise total grant capture, not just a single installation.
- Claim submission and audit support: We handle all claim documentation and provide complete audit-ready records.
- Compliance assurance: Every installation meets BS 7671:2018 wiring regulations, PCPR requirements, and OZEV technical specifications.

Request Your Free Grant Assessment

Whether you are a homeowner, landlord, business, or local authority, we will identify exactly which grants you are eligible for, how much you can claim, and how to maximise your funding before the March 2027 deadline.

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