

Forth Expands Community EV Carsharing Program Nationally Building upon successful models in Oregon and Missouri, Forth expands affordable carsharing to eight states over two years.

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Portland, OR. – PORTLAND, ORE. – Forth is launching the Affordable Mobility Platform (AMP), a nationwide community carsharing program to provide electric vehicles to affordable housing locations in eight states over two years.

AMP is a national initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) with the goal of increasing access to clean transportation by making low-cost EVs available to underserved communities. Forth will work with local partners including utilities and community-based organizations to establish EV carsharing at affordable housing sites.

"It's crucial to showcase a model to benefit communities most in need. With the Amp Project, we are explicitly partnering with affordable housing developments and local partners to do so." – *Connor Herman, Program Manager, Forth* 

Carsharing is an efficient alternative to owning a vehicle — drivers who use a carsharing system can access a car when they need one without having to pay the high costs of maintenance, repairs, and insurance. Using an online reservation system, residents and community members can test drive the EVs for free and can rent the vehicles for subsequent trips at an hourly or daily rate.

The first states are **Oregon** (Portland, Hood River, Bend, La Pine, Eugene), **Washington State** (Seattle, Bingen, White Salmon), **North Carolina** (Charlotte), **Missouri** (St. Louis), **Michigan** (Grand Rapids, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor), **Idaho** (Boise), **Nevada** (Las Vegas), **and New Mexico** (Albuquerque).

Forth currently manages <u>community carsharing</u> programs in the cities of Bend, La Pine and Eugene in Oregon through its <u>GoForth Carsharing</u> program. Forth also manages the <u>CRuSE</u> carsharing program in Hood River, OR., and the <u>SiLVERS</u> program in St. Louis, MO.

Electric carsharing benefits the environment and public health. EVs are oil-free, produce no smog and produce 85% fewer carbon emissions than traditional cars.

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## ABOUT FORTH

Forth is a non-profit organization dedicated to the equitable advancement of clean transportation.

Forth builds program and policy models that significantly expand equitable access to electric transportation in the U.S. and beyond. The **Forth Roadmap Conference** is the nation's leading electric transportation conference.

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