



## *Consent Based Siting Community Grant Application*

### **ECA Community Grant Application: *Building Capacity on Consent Based Siting and Nuclear Waste Management***

The Energy Communities Alliance, Inc. (ECA) is soliciting local community applications for grants of an initial **\$75,000** (with an option for a second round of an additional \$75,000) to qualifying individual municipalities and other “Eligible Recipients” as defined below, that can demonstrate meaningful interest in building capacity through targeted education and outreach on nuclear waste storage and disposal issues; or evaluating community interest in hosting or supporting a specific spent nuclear fuel storage or disposal mission using consent-based siting.

ECA expects to provide **up to six (6) grants** this fiscal year. Awardees are required to report progress to ECA on a quarterly basis. With justification and approval, ECA will consider grant extensions of no more than six (6) months.

*Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM EST on Friday, March 22, 2024. All applications must be submitted to [bulletin@energyca.org](mailto:bulletin@energyca.org).*

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT OBJECTIVES**

Grants to **Eligible Recipients** will be awarded based on the best use of funds, as determined by ECA, in ECA’s sole and absolute discretion, to meet the following goals:

- Create, organize and lead meaningful, inclusive community and stakeholder engagement opportunities that elicit public values, interests, concerns, and goals related to spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste management.
- Identify needed consent-based partners, including community partners, private industry, and other stakeholders and their role in siting a potential [Consolidated Interim Storage Facility](#) (CISF).
- Develop model organizational/governance structures and partnerships – within the community, region, private industry, State, Tribal governments – necessary to develop consent.
- Capture results, lessons learned, and impact evaluations to be shared at quarterly consent-based siting consortia meetings during the life of the project.

#### **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS**

For the purposes of these grants, an “**Eligible Recipient**” means a municipal or local government entity or group of municipal entities, state government created councils of local governments, community reuse organizations, and municipal government related organizations (such economic development entities) that are internal revenue service recognized 501(c)(3) organizations. A community does not need to be an ECA member to apply.



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### **ELIGIBLE GRANT USES**

Eligible grant uses include: determining initial interest in hosting a consent-based siting process for a CISF; exploring and identifying public/private key stakeholders; supporting education on the role of key stakeholders in defining consent; performing outreach to maximize meaningful community engagement and evaluate support for a consent-based siting process for a CISF; meetings; consultants; technical assistance; and other similar activities that focus on defining, building, informing and maintaining consent within communities.

Grants may not be used for federal legislative advocacy efforts or explicit efforts to prohibit the siting of a CISF in a given community or any other activity prohibited by ECA's grant with U.S. DOE.

The overall grant period will be a total of twelve (12) months.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Please submit these required documents for your application:

- Local Government Education and Outreach Funding Application form (attached).
- If a non-municipal government or state government entity, valid IRS 501(c)(3) certificate and current organization financial statements, most recent audit (if available), a list of Board of Directors, Company Operating Agreement, By-Laws, and Certificate of Good Standing.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

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**Only fully completed applications will be considered.**

### **GUIDELINES**

All selected grant recipients are required to sign a contract with ECA and will be considered sub-awardees of the **ECA federal grant, DE-FOA-0002575**, and thus required to follow the same financial assistance standards as ECA and comply with all restrictions under such agreement. Recipients are required to follow 2 CFR 200: Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Deliverables as outlined in any Scope of Work also include completion and submission of items in accordance with the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist (quarterly and a final report). ECA is responsible to ensure all sub-awardees meet these standards.



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ECA will release 85% of the funds upon execution of the award. The remainder of the funds will be released after the timely submission of initial quarterly report and proof that some of the initial funds have been expended.

### **MATCH FUNDING**

Match funding is optional; however, applicants that provide match funding will receive additional consideration. Matching funds may include:

- Non-federal public or private funds;
- Funds that are not used as match for any other federal program;
- Unrecovered indirect costs;
- Either cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated.

### **ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

After the initial quarterly report has been submitted on a timely basis, ECA, at its sole discretion will provide the six (6) grant recipients with an opportunity to submit a supplemental plan for expending up to an additional \$75,000 following the application process set forth above. If ECA deems the additional scope of work consistent with the eligible grant uses identified above, ECA may, in its sole and absolute discretion award the additional up to \$75,000 to the grant recipients. Grant recipients will have 12 months from award to expend the additional funds.

Upon completion of the project period, ECA will analyze the final report of each grantee to identify trends and commonalities and will share findings with DOE'S other Consent Based Siting consortia to help inform all efforts to design an inclusive process that can lead to an informed and enduring consent-based siting agreement to host a CISF.

### **QUESTIONS**

Please submit any **written questions to ECA at prior to March 8, 2024**. All questions must be submitted to [bulletin@energyca.org](mailto:bulletin@energyca.org) and will be published on the ECA web page.

### **ECA CBS GRANT SELECTION COMMITTEE**

ECA will establish a multi-disciplinary steering group with different expertise to evaluate applications and to select grant awardees. US DOE Nuclear Energy Office (NE) will be invited to be an ex-officio participant in the selection committee.

Selection committee members will be required to recuse themselves from any discussion, voting, and selection of an eligible grant recipient located in the community where the selection committee member lives. ECA also plans to engage with other DOE Consent Based Siting consortia members on issues identified in applications in an effort to share information, complement their activities and avoid duplication.



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**ECA Individual Community CBS Grants Application**

**Section I - Applicant's Information**

Organization Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization Website: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Type of Eligible Entity**

- Local government
- Local government entity
- Council of governments
- State government formed local government organization
- Community Reuse Organization
- Other municipal-focused organization (non-profit 501(c)(3) entities only)

**Section II - Project Information**

Primary Contact's Name and Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact E-mail: Click or tap here to enter text.

DOE-EM Site Associated with Grant: Click or tap here to enter text.

Summary Project Description (one paragraph): Click or tap here to enter text.

**Section III – Narrative**

Please provide a narrative responding to the following questions (Limit 3 pages).

**1. How will your project:**

1. Create opportunities to organize, lead, and maintain meaningful, inclusive community and stakeholder engagement processes related to nuclear waste management?
2. Elicit and map public values, interests, concerns, and goals to promote and enable effective collaboration and community-driven insights and feedback towards the refinement of a consent-based siting process aimed at siting a potential federal consolidated interim storage facility?



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- 3. Develop, implement, and report outcomes and strategies that support mutual learning among stakeholders, communities, and experts on nuclear waste-related topics?
- 4. Share results, lessons learned, and impact evaluations to be shared at consent-based siting consortia meetings during the life of the project?

**2. What is your organization’s experience with this kind of project, if any?**

**3. How will you measure, track, and report on meeting project goals?**

**4. If there is a second year of funding up to \$75,000, how would you use those funds?**

**5. In a maximum of three (3) pages, please insert narrative here:** *Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Section IV – Project Timeline**

Please provide a timeline outlining important project milestones/deadlines by month over the grant period of performance. *Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Section V – Budget and Budget Narrative**

<b>Budget Line-Item Description (Intended Use of Funds)</b>	<b>Budget Period (Quarterly)</b>	<b>Total Project Budget</b>
<i>Example: Organizational Meeting</i>	<i>Example: Month 1</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Example: Final Report</i>	<i>Example: Month 1</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>



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<b>Totals:</b>		
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Describe how your organization will use grant funding. Please note if your organization will use funds from any other source to complete the project. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Certification**

By signing this application, the undersigned certifies that: I am an officer of the applicant and am authorized to represent it and sign this certification on its behalf. By signing this certification, I am representing on my own behalf, and on behalf of the applicant, that the information provided in this certification, the application, and all other information submitted in connection with this application, is true and correct as of the date of submission. I acknowledge that any intentional or negligent misrepresentation of the information contained in this certification may result in rejection of the application.

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Primary Contact Signature

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Primary Contact Name (please print)