

# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program

## PCFO IGAP Prize Snapshot

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<b>Agency:</b> US Department of Energy (DOE)	<b>Bureau:</b> Office of State and Community Energy Programs
<b>Application Deadline:</b> Concept Papers due 06/05/23; Full Applications due 08/07/23	<b>Max Award:</b> \$2 million

### Description

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program provides funds to entities who were not allocated funds through the EECBG Formula grant. Funds can be used for projects and programs that reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce energy use, improve energy efficiency, and build a clean and equitable energy economy.

### Eligible Recipients

Eligible applicants are limited to U.S. local governments and Indian tribes that are ineligible for the EECBG Program Formula grant. Indian tribes that are federally-recognized are not eligible for this program, but state-recognized tribes are eligible.

### Matching Grant Requirements

None required

### Eligible Projects

Ideal projects will create meaningful impacts on local economies, deeply engage the community, and include a wide range of stakeholders. Applicants may apply to one of two tracks:

1. Track 1: Planning, Strategy Development, and Analysis
2. Track 2: Project Implementation and Scaling

DOE anticipates providing smaller awards to applicants with only one community represented (approximately \$200,000-\$500,000); and providing larger awards to applicants representing several communities (approximately \$700,000-\$2,000,000). Selected teams will also be eligible to receive a DOE-sponsored, full-time fellow to support their work in their community and ongoing technical assistance.

Applicants should propose projects and programs that align with one or more of the following activity areas:

- Development and implementation of an energy efficiency and conservation strategy
- Retaining technical consultant services to assist the eligible entity in the development of such a strategy
- Conducting residential and commercial building energy audits
- Establishment of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements
- The provision of grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits
- Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity
- Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation
- Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services to promote building energy efficiency
- Application and implementation of energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency
- Activities to increase participation and efficiency rates for material conservation programs, including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency
- The purchase and implementation of technologies to reduce, capture, and, to the maximum extent practicable, use methane and other greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar sources
- Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies
- Development, implementation, and installation on or in any government building of the eligible entity of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources, including:
  - Solar energy
  - Wind energy
  - Fuel cells
  - Biomass
- Programs for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure), capital investments, projects, and programs, which may include loan programs and performance contracting programs, for leveraging of additional public and private sector funds, and programs that allow rebates, grants, or other incentives for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure) measures

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## Tips for Being Competitive

DOE will prioritize applications that include one or both of the following criteria:

- Communities in states and territories with populations less than 2 million— AK, AS, DE, GU, HI, ID, ME, MP, MT, ND, NE, NH, RI, SD, VI, VT, WV, WY
  - Projects that will result in significant energy efficiency improvements or reductions in fossil fuel use
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## Labor Requirements

Applicants must submit a Community Benefits Plan to describe how they will incorporate these four Bipartisan Infrastructure Law priorities: (1) support meaningful community and labor engagement (2) invest in America’s workforce (3) advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility and (4) contribute to the Justice40 Initiative.

Applicants are encouraged to submit Community and Labor Engagement Plans from established labor and community-based organizations that demonstrate the applicant’s ability to achieve the above goals as outlined in the Community Benefits Plan. Ideally, Workforce and Community Agreements would be included in the Community Benefits Plan.

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## Agency Contact

community@hq.doe.gov

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## Upcoming Events

- [April 18, 2:00PM ET](#): EECBG Competitive Program Informational Webinar
  - [May 15, 2:00PM ET](#): EECBG Competitive Program Informational Webinar
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## Partners Required

DOE encourages communities to team up on a single application, with multi-sector stakeholders representing local governments, Tribes, labor unions, state energy offices, utilities, community-based nonprofit organizations, and community foundations.

To support the formation of teams, DOE is compiling a “Teaming Partner List” that allows organizations to submit their interest to other applicants and explore potential partnerships. Any organization that would like to be included on this list should submit the following information: Organization Name, Contact Name, Contact Address, Contact Email, Contact Phone, Organization Type, Area of Technical Expertise, Brief Description of Capabilities, and Area of Interest. Interested parties should fill out [this form](#) or email the information to community@hq.doe.gov with the subject line “Teaming Partner Information.”

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## Total Allocation

\$8.8 million

**Anticipated Award Date**

The expected timeframe for award negotiations is Oct-Nov 2023.

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**Resources**

- [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)
- [Grant Opportunity - DOE Infrastructure Exchange](#)
- [EECBG Competitive Program Application Hub - DOE](#)