**The Indiana Office of Energy Development** (IOED) announcesLogo

Description automatically generated a $1.46 million-funding opportunity for Indiana’s **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program**. This program will fund efforts to increase energy efficiency and conservation for units local governments. Grant funds will target energy planning, energy audits and building upgrades, and electric transportation for communities. Funding for this opportunity is available only to units of local government in Indiana that were not allocated federal EECBG formula funds directly from the U.S. Department of Energy.

**Application**

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) PROGRAM**

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**Application Process begins: November 15, 2023**

**Deadline:** Applications must be submitted to grants@oed.in.gov by **February 2, 2024**

**Award Amount:** There is no minimum or maximum, but IOED anticipates awarded projects to be between $100,000 and $200,000, on average.

**Eligible Applicants:** Local units of government in Indiana that did not receiving federal EECBG funds[[1]](#footnote-1).

**Term**: Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that can be completed within one year but should not exceed 2 years.

**Match:** Match from applicants is not required, but it will be used as a scoring criterion for proposals to demonstrate commitment and to leverage additional funding for the project.

**Program Objectives & Priorities:** IOED uses the five pillars of electricity policy, as codified in Indiana law: affordability, reliability, resiliency, stability, and environmental sustainability, in the development and implementation of grant programs. Energy efficiency supports the five pillars in multiple ways, including maintaining affordability through reducing energy consumption, increasing reliability, resiliency, and stability by reducing demands placed onto the electric grid, and providing environmental benefits. The application also includes consideration for disadvantaged communities, and applications that improve outcomes specifically for disadvantaged communities are strongly encouraged.

**Additional Information and Application Online at:**

[www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/eecbg-program/](http://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/eecbg-program/)

**Application Functionality**

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**Confidential Materials Affirmation**

Please indicate whether the application materials include confidential or material that would be considered trade secret for purposes of Freedom of Information Act or Access to Public Records Act. If not explicitly stated, all application material, that is not otherwise exempted by law, will be subject to public records requests.

Yes, our application includes confidential material and/or trade secrets that may not be released in the event of a public records request.

If so, please indicate which pages and/or sections of the application must be redacted in the event of a public records request:

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No, our application does not include confidential material and/or trade secrets that may not be released in the event of a public records request.

**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Application**

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

1. **Applicant Name:**Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Street Address:**Click or tap here to enter text. **City:**Click or tap here to enter text.

**State:**Click or tap here to enter text. **Zip + 4 Code:**Click or tap here to enter text.

**County of project location:**Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) #**:Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Supplier ID #:**Click or tap here to enter text. **Tax EIN:**Click or tap here to enter text.
3. **Applicant Contact (the person who will manage the project)**

**Name:**Click or tap here to enter text. **Phone:**Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email:**Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Authorized Representative (the person signing contract)**

**Name:**Click or tap here to enter text. **Cell Phone:**Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email:**Click or tap here to enter text.

**Section 2: Project Description**

1. Blueprint Topic: Select the project Blueprint and applicable activities related to your project. ***Select only one Blueprint Topic.***

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| **Blueprint Topic** | **Activities** |
| [Energy Planning](https://www.energy.gov/scep/blueprint-1-energy-planning) | Energy data collection to assist in reducing total energy use or improving energy efficiency |
| Develop energy vision, goals, and strategies |
| Stakeholder engagement, education, and outreach |
| Write, adopt, and publicize energy plan |
| [Energy Efficiency: Building Audits and Retrofits, including grid interactivity and electrification](https://www.energy.gov/scep/blueprint-2a-energy-efficiency-energy-audits-building-upgrades) | Building energy assessments |
| Energy audits |
| Building upgrades, including energy efficiency, grid-interactivity, and electrification upgrades |
| [Energy Savings Performance Contracts for Efficiency and Electrification in Municipal Buildings](https://www.energy.gov/scep/blueprint-2b-energy-savings-performance-contracts-energy-efficiency-and-electrification) | Explore potential future financing options |
| Procurement of energy savings performance contractor and legal support/technical assistance |
| [Electric Vehicles and Fleet Electrification](https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-05/Blueprint%204B%20-%20EV_Charging_Infrastructure_for_the_Community_v04_508.pdf) | Develop fleet replacement plan, including stakeholder engagement and input |
| Siting planning and preliminary assessments |
| Develop utility data sharing agreement |
| Develop charging plan including cost assessment of electric bill |
| Procurement, legal, and technical support to purchase EVs and EVSE |
| Installation of electric vehicle supply equipment |
| [EV Charging Infrastructure for the Community](https://www.energy.gov/scep/blueprint-4b-ev-charging-infrastructure-community) | Procurement, legal and technical support to purchase EVSE |
| Siting plan and site assessments |
| Stakeholder engagement through education and outreach |
| Installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) |
| Communications and program promotion |
| [Workforce Development](https://www.energy.gov/scep/blueprint-6-workforce-development) | Program design and curriculum development |
| Stakeholder engagement through education, outreach, and program advertising |
| Paying trainers and trainees including supplemental services |

1. Describe the proposed project, including the purpose, objectives, and need.

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1. Describe the energy outcomes that are to be achieved by the proposed project, including short-term quantifiable results and long-term benefits anticipated. See instructions.

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1. Provide a description of the project location. Include a description of the community, population, demographic characteristics, and other relevant socio-economic and geographical characteristics the proposed project is anticipated to benefit. Include whether the community is identified as a disadvantaged community (DAC), as identified by [CEJST](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5).

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1. Identify the anticipated benefits that will be tracked and reported with this project. Please check the boxes below that are associated with the anticipated benefits and use the textbox to explain which benefit metrics will be used to track these benefits. For any other metric used for the proposed project, please include that in the “9. Other” category with a description and metric value. Provide the numerical values anticipated with the potential benefit metrics and units selected. Use the text box if additional explanations are needed.

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| Anticipated Benefits | Potential Benefit Metrics and Units | Value |
| 1. Improve energy efficiency and affordability. | Dollars saved [$] in energy expenditures due to technology adoption. |  |
| Energy Saved [MMBTU or MWh] or reduction in fuel [GGe]. |  |
| 2. Support environmental sustainability. | Avoided air pollutants (CO2 equivalents, NOx, SO2, and/or PM2.5). |  |
| Remediation impacts on surface water, groundwater, and in soil. |  |
| Reduction of legacy contaminated waste. |  |
| 3. Increase energy jobs and job training for individuals, enhance the energy workforce development pipeline. | Dollars spent [$] and/or number of participants in job training programs, apprenticeship programs, STEM education, tuition, scholarships, and recruitment. |  |
| Number of hires resulting from DOE program. |  |
| Number of jobs created because of DOE program. |  |
| Number of and/or dollar value [$] of partnerships, contracts, or training with minority serving institutions (MSIs). |  |
| 4. Support minority-, women- and veteran-owned business enterprises. | Number of contracts and/or dollar value [$] awarded to businesses that are principally owned by women, minorities, and/or disabled veterans. |  |
| 5. Support community and stakeholder engagement and education. | Number of stakeholder events, participants, and/or dollars spent to engage with organizations and residents, including participation and notification of how input was used. |  |
| Number of tools, trainings for datasets/tools, people trained and/or hours dedicated to dataset/tool and technical assistance and knowledge transfer efforts. |  |
| Dollars spent [$] or number of hours spent on technical assistance. |  |
| Dollar value [$] and number of clean energy assets owned by the community. |  |
| Dollar value [$] and number of clean energy assets owned by the DAC members. |  |
| 6. Increase access to low-cost capital. | Dollars spent [$] by source and purpose and location. |  |
| Leverage ratio of private to public dollars [%]. |  |
| Loan performance impact through dollar value [$] of current loans and of delinquent loans (30-day or 90-day) and/or number of loans (30-day delinquent or 90-day default. |  |
| 7. Support clean energy technology access and adoption. | Clean energy resource [MWh] adopted. |  |
| 8. Increase reliability, resilience, and stability through infrastructure to support reliability and resilience. | Increase in community resilience hubs. |  |
| Number and size [MWh] of community resilience infrastructure deployed (e.g., Distributed solar plus storage, utility scale, Distributed Energy Resources, microgrids). |  |
| 9. Other: Please describe | Describe: Click or tap here to enter text. |  |

**Section 3: Project Tasks and Deliverables**

1. Describe the approach your project will involve, including a timeline and milestones. List all tasks that will be completed by this project. Include quantified products/deliverables produced by each task along with anticipated quarters in which they will be completed**. List tasks by letter and correlate them to the budget if planning to invoice quarterly**. See application instructions for more information on drafting tasks.

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**Section 4: Budget**

The budget will be evaluated on its appropriateness and cost-effectiveness. Show budget broken out by category and describe the purpose of each item listed in the budget, with detail and justification as it relates to the completion of the project. Please include the total cost by category for each funding source (Grant, Match and Other). The Total values and Match Percentage will calculate automatically. Please also include a justification of the expenditure for each activity associated with each category of expenditure.

1. Personnel/Fringe: Personnel refers to the salaries for permanent and/or temporary personnel directly working on the task. Fringe refers to benefits paid for permanent personnel such as health insurance, life insurance, retirement, or other benefits.
2. Travel: Expenses related to mileage, fuel, and overnight stays that are within the scope of the approved project plan and directly support completion of tasks. Mileage may be reimbursed up to the current Federal Rate.
3. Equipment: Items that with a cost of $5,000 or more per unit and with a useful life or more than one year. Examples include - office equipment, testing/engineering equipment, camera equipment, computer. Equipment purchased under federal funding must follow 2 CFR 200.439.
4. Supplies: Expendable commodities that are consumed within a relatively short period of time. Examples include - stationary/office supplies, educational supplies, camera supplies, testing supplies, repair parts, and safety supplies.
5. Contractual: Expenses incurred through a subcontract. The subcontract costs must also be described and itemized (i.e., personnel, travel, equipment, etc.).
6. Other: Expenses that don’t fit in the other categories, such as postage, telephone charges, printing services, rental costs for equipment, and training fees.

Direct costs are those costs that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective, such as a Federal award, or other internally or externally funded activity, or that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy.

**The following is general guidance on match for funded projects.**

Match documented must be directly associated with the project and for work done to fulfill the contract tasks or meet eligible project goals. Activities not eligible for grant funding cannot be counted as match.

* Match counted for participants’ time in a meeting (i.e., Board Meeting or Steering Committee meeting) must reflect only the time in which the project is discussed.
* Space used as match (room use, use of office space, etc.) must be no more than the prevailing rate for “rental” of that space for the time it is actively used for the project. A large amount of match for a single service/activity must be justified in the application.

**Check to make sure the sheet is filled out correctly and the numbers have been calculated correctly before submitting your application!**

As a reminder, match is not a requirement under the EECBG Program; however, applicants may provide matching funds where applicable. List sources and estimated amount of match that have been pledged to the project. For match provided by another entity, a letter committing those funds is required for the application.

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**Budget Justification- (Describe the items, services, or expenses associated with each line item.)**

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| 1. **Personnel**: Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| 1. **Supplies:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. **Contractual:**Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. **Other:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. **Sources of Match and estimated amounts**: Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Section 5: Affirmation**

1. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct. I am legally authorized to sign and submit this application on behalf of this organization, which is legally eligible to enter a grant contract.
2. I understand that submitting false or misleading information in connection with this application may result in the application or organization being found ineligible for financial assistance under the OED Grant Program. I further understand that receiving public grant funds because of false representations constitutes an act of fraud.
3. The applicant will comply with all conditions of the program if funding is awarded. I understand that OED may conduct audits and conduct site inspections before or after grants are awarded and disbursed.
4. I acknowledge to comply with all Davis-Bacon Act requirements as determined by subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code. For more information click [here](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/laws-and-regulations/laws/dbra).
5. I agree, if selected for funding, to undergo the required Department of Energy sponsored Davis-Bacon Act compliance training.

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1. Local units of government that were allocated formula funds are found on the U.S. Department of Energy EECBG [website](https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/IIJA%20%2840552%29%20EECBG%20Program_Attachment%201a.%20_Local%20Govt.%20Allocations_FINAL.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)