



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program represents a Presidential priority to invest in the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. Through formula and competitive grants to U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Indian tribes, the program empowers local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long-term goals for energy independence and leadership on climate change.

Purpose

The EECBG program assists state, local, and tribal governments in implementing strategies to:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions;
- Reduce total energy use; and
- Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors.

Additional purposes of the EECBG program are to spur economic growth and create and/or retain jobs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

“These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country,” said Vice President Biden. “Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use.” – Vice President Biden

Funding and Eligibility

Over 2,300 state, local, and tribal governments are eligible for direct formula grants from DOE. Competitive grants are also available under the program. Governments ineligible for direct formula grants from DOE are still eligible for competitive funds from DOE, and funds from their State Energy Office. To find contact information for your State Energy Office, visit the National Association of State Energy Officials at www.naseo.org.

Reporting and Accountability

The President has made it clear that every taxpayer dollar spent on our economic recovery must be subject to unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability. Recovery Act funds must be used for authorized purposes, and every step must be taken to prevent instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse. Recovery Act programs must meet specific goals and targets, and contribute to improved performance on broad economic indicators. For EECBG program funds, grantees are required to report regularly to DOE on:

- Jobs created and/or retained
- Energy savings
- Renewable energy capacity installed
- Greenhouse gas emissions reduced
- Funds leveraged



About the Recovery Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes \$16.8 billion for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) programs and initiatives. The Recovery Act was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Recovery Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need. For more information, visit www.eere.energy.gov/recovery



Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program

Program Allocations

U.S. DOE

\$3.2 billion

Competitive Grants

Up to \$456 Million

Formula Grants*

Up to \$2.744 Bilion

Cities and Counties

- Cities with a population of 35,000 or more
- Counties with a population of 200,000 or more
- The top ten highest populated cities and counties in each state, regardless of population -

Indian Tribes

All Federally recognized Indian tribes and any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

States

All states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Cities and Counties

Each state must subgrant at least 60% of its funding share to cities and counties ineligible for direct formula grants from DOE

*Includes training and technical assistance

Eligible Activities

Grants can be used for energy efficiency and conservation programs and projects community wide, and renewable energy installations in or on government buildings. Activities eligible for use of funds include:

- Development of an energy efficiency and conservation strategy
- Building energy audits and retrofits, including weatherization
- Financial incentive programs for energy efficiency such as energy savings performance contracting, on-bill financing, and revolving loan funds
- Transportation programs to conserve energy
- Building code development, implementation, and inspections
- Installation of distributed energy technologies including combined heat and power and district heating and cooling systems
- Material conservation programs including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs
- Reduction and capture of greenhouse gas emissions generated by landfills or similar waste-related sources
- Installation of energy efficient traffic signals and street lighting
- Installation of renewable energy technologies in or on government buildings
- Any other appropriate activity that meets the purposes of the program and is approved by DOE

For More Information

DOE provides grantees with tools, resources and assistance needed to meet our shared goals as well as the objectives of the Recovery Act. Learn more about the program activities by visiting the following resources:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Block Grant Program
www.eecbg.energy.gov

DOE's Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program
www.eere.energy.gov/wip/

Contact

EERE Information Center

Submit questions online

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/>

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