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Applications open for 2016 Indiana Community Conservation Challenge

INDIANAPOLIS (September 26, 2016) — The [Indiana Office of Energy Development \(OED\)](#) today announced that eligible Indiana entities involved in community energy conservation projects can begin applying for a share of \$250,000 through its Fall 2016 [Community Conservation Challenge \(CCC\)](#) grant program.

Applications for the 2016 CCC grant program can be emailed to grants@oed.in.gov beginning Monday, September 26, 2016, through November 9, 2016. Program guidelines are available at www.in.gov/oed/2645.htm.

“We’re excited to open applications for this competitive grant program,” said OED Director Tristan Vance. “The winning recipients could receive from \$20,000 to \$80,000 to support creative and unique energy conservation programs.”

CCC projects must be located in Indiana and must use commercially-available technologies. The project must be visible to the public and have at least one community partner, demonstrate measurable improvements in energy efficiency or the use of renewable energy, result in a reduction in energy demand or fuel consumption, or involve the implementation of an energy recycling process.

Eligible Indiana applicants include local units of government, school corporations, businesses, universities, and nonprofits. Applicants are required to provide a match of at least 25 percent in the form of cost-share or leveraged funds. Special consideration will be given to those applicants that provide higher levels of matching funds.

The OED is looking for applicants that meet the following requirements:

- Leverage the participation and support of multiple community organizations and agencies,
- Prioritize energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and/or waste heat recovery,
- Have moved beyond the planning stages and are ready for project implementation,
- Possess an innovative element, whether through unique partnerships, financing mechanisms and/or an educational component that will help explain the energy project to a broader audience.

Successful applicants must utilize one or more of the following eligible technologies:

- Combined heat and power
- Biomass
- Energy efficiency

- Geothermal
- Solar (PV and solar thermal)
- Waste management and recycling
- Wind energy

Those selected to receive a 2016 CCC grant will be notified by email in November.

Winners from the Fall 2015 CCC Program included the City of Fort Wayne, DePauw University, Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light, Lake Court House, Tri-Creek School, and the University of Evansville. Projects ranged from energy-efficient LED lights and lighting motion sensors to solar PV, solar LEDs, and combined heat and power.

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About the Indiana Office of Energy Development

The [Indiana Office of Energy Development](#) (OED) was established to shepherd the state's energy plan. OED focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive planning for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources and supports a strong, dynamic and growing economy. OED coordinates state energy policy with executive branch agencies, houses energy-related programs and works to support a strong, comprehensive, coordinated energy plan for Indiana. The office also administers grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. These grants promote the use of alternative power and fuels, energy efficiency and public education on energy issues in Indiana.

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