**The Indiana Office of Energy Development** announces approximately $1 million funding opportunity for Indiana's **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program**. This program will fund efforts to increase energy efficiency and conservation to support energy affordability for units of local governments. EECBG program funds will support 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 EECBG formula funds directly from the U.S. Department of Energy.

1. **What types of local units of government are eligible? Can a non-government entity apply for funds on behalf of a local government?**
   An eligible local unit of government includes cities, towns, and counties that were not allocated federal formula funds from the U.S. Department of Energy. Appendix A of the instructions lists the communities not eligible for the state EECBG funding. Other units of government (such as townships or municipal corporations) are not eligible, but can work with their eligible city, town, or county. IOED will not determine eligibility prior to receiving an application.

2. **Can funding be used to support a non-government facility that serves the public, such as a library, water/wastewater facility, etc.?**
   The proposed project must have a public benefit serving the community and be located within the jurisdiction of the eligible applicant.

3. **What is required for quarterly reporting?**
   Quarterly reporting includes both performance and financial updates. They will include metrics and milestones provided in application, as well as a narrative on the status of the project.

4. **Can the application be submitted as a collection of multiple smaller projects?**
   Only one blueprint can be selected for each application, which will be considered as one project. The applicant should clearly describe the scope and parameters of their proposed project. A project may contain multiple components as long as they collectively can be defined as a project that falls within one Blueprint. Please note that depending on the scopes of each component of a project, OED may request the applicant to report metrics and activities for each component individually, based on DOE requirements.

5. **Is attendance of the webinar required to apply for the program?**
   Attendance of the webinar is not mandatory to apply for the program.

6. **Can equipment be purchased prior to submitting an application (due to lengthy wait times) be reimbursed if awarded grant funding?**
   No. IOED cannot guarantee an applicant will receive funding. Further, eligible expenses must be incurred within the terms of the must be incurred after an executed contract.

7. **Where can I watch the recorded EECBG webinar video?**
   The EECBG webinar video can be founded on the EECBG Application program tab page on the IOED website.

8. **Can an applicant use a utility rebate/incentive as match for the application?**
   Rebates and incentives cannot be counted as match.

9. **If an eligible entity has previously completed an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) & upgrade on facilities, can the eligible entity apply for the funding opportunity for additional upgrades?**
   Yes, the eligible entity would be able to apply for the funding opportunity to complete additional upgrades.

10. **Are there any budget maximums for grant administration or labor standards?**
    There is a 10% cap on administrative costs on the grant.

11. **Are there any specifications for energy-efficient traffic signals for applicants looking to for funding for traffic-signal or street light upgrades?**

    Applicants may review the Eligible Activity Category 12 Replacement of Traffic Signals & Street Lighting document.

12. **Would a street lighting energy efficiency project be eligible under this grant?**
    Yes, a street lighting energy efficiency project would be eligible under this grant. Additional information can be found in in the *Category (12) Replacement of Traffic Signals and Street Lighting* document.