

## Indiana Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

### Clarification Announcement



The **Indiana Office of Energy Development (IOED)** is issuing clarification on eligible applicants for Indiana's **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program**. Eligibility for local units of government is based on existing federal and state guidance for the EECBG program.

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 (DOE). The list of non-eligible recipients are listed in Appendix A of the Application Instructions. Applications from townships and municipal corporations, as well as the residential (homeowners), industrial, and business sectors are not eligible for grant funding.

Eligible entities that are incorporated units of local government located within a jurisdiction that received direct federal formula funds are eligible to apply for funding through IOED. However, proposed activities must not be included in their jurisdiction's direct funding application to the DOE. Project activities must be located in Indiana and be associated with local Indiana governments.

#### **Definitions**

##### **Local Governments**

A local government is eligible for funds if all the following conditions are met:

1. The government is included in the latest available Census of Governments as a currently incorporated government;
2. The government has a governance structure with an elected official and governing body; The government has the authority to implement the eligible activities under this program; **and**
3. Units of local government are eligible for grants from the State if they meet the requirements as outlined below.

##### **Cities**

For the purposes of the EECBG Program, "city" includes a city-equivalent unit of local government as defined by the US Census of Governments. For example, a city-equivalent unit of local government such as a town, village, or other municipality shall be considered eligible if it meets the required population thresholds. Consolidated city-county governments will be considered as cities. Cities are eligible for grants from the State if they were not eligible for formula EECBG allocations directly from DOE. In states that have incorporated eligible municipalities (villages) within the boundaries of other incorporated eligible municipalities (towns), the village population will be subtracted from the town's population.

##### **Counties**

For the purposes of the EECBG Program, "county" includes county-equivalent units of local government as defined by the US Census of Governments. Counties are eligible for grants from the State if they were not eligible for formula EECBG allocations directly from DOE. County populations calculated for

eligibility for direct formula grants from the DOE do not include the populations of all cities within them that are eligible for direct formula grants from the DOE.

A group of eligible units of local governments may choose to submit a single application provided that the application is submitted by a single eligible unit of local government representing the group. The required assurances from the duly authorized official or highest elected official representing each of the units of local government must be provided. A special unit of government or other governmental entity located within an eligible city or county must work with the local government on submitting an application on behalf of the project.

**Additional Information and Application may be found online:**

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