

Indiana Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

FAQs



The Indiana Office of Energy Development announces a \$1.46 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 for units of 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 EECBG formula funds directly from the U.S. Department of Energy. See the updated guidance on eligibility [here](#).

Below are Frequently Asked Questions associated with the EECBG Funding opportunity. This list is not exhaustive and will be updated periodically. For all other questions, please reach out to grants@oed.in.gov.

1. What is the duration of a project that can be proposed?

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

2. 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. Detailed reporting templates and requirements will be provided by OED when funds are awarded. However, be prepared to report on all activities included in the application.

3. Can the funding request include administrative costs?

OED will not award funds for administrative expenses, as they are not directly related to the work performed on the project. OED will only make awards for non-administrative project costs. Additionally, all costs must be eligible expenses under the program. Please list all expenses that cannot be captured in the specified spend categories in the "Other" category, indicate what those expenses are, and how they relate to the completion of the project.

4. Can the application be submitted as a collection of multiple smaller projects?

Each application will be considered as one project, and 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. Can equipment that is purchased prior to submitting an application, due to lengthy wait times, be reimbursed if awarded grant funding?

No. Eligible expenses must be incurred after an executed contract. Any expenses prior to an executed contract will be considered ineligible, pursuant to federal cost principles and regulations.

6. Which units of local government are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity?

OED recently released a clarification regarding eligible applicants, which can be found [here](#). Only cities and counties that were not eligible to receive formula funds directly from DOE under the EECBG program are

eligible to apply. If a special purpose unit of government or other unit of government located within an eligible city or county is interested in applying, please work with the or county to submit an application for the proposed project.