

Indiana Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Funding Opportunity Webinar

Indiana Office of Energy Development

Housekeeping

- Please ensure you are muted throughout the meeting. We will begin everyone in mute mode without cameras, but will open it up during the Q&A.
- ▶ Presentation will be about 30 minutes followed by a Q&A period.
- Feel free to submit questions during the presentation using the chat feature or use the raise your hand function.
- ► Materials will be posted to the OED website after this meeting.



About Indiana OED

Mission: To support the development of affordable, stable, and reliable energy solutions for the benefit of all Hoosiers.

State of Indiana's federally-designated State Energy Office (SEO).

- Priorities:
 - Policy Guidance
 - Grant Administration
 - Public Education



Agenda

- ► A Glance at Funding Announcement
- Federal Program Overview
- State Objectives and Priorities
- Application Process/Timeline
- Question and Answer



Indiana Funding Opportunity

- ▶ Opened November 15, 2023
- ► Purpose Increase energy efficiency and conservation for local governments
- Eligible Entities Local government units in Indiana
- Deadline to Submit February 2, 2024, 11:59 pm via grants@oed.in.gov
- ► Total Funding Available \$1.46 million
- ▶ Awards About \$100,000 \$200,000 per award
- ► Information:

www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/eecbg-program/



Local Government Units

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

- 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 for a "city" or "county" as defined by the US Census of Governments and were not eligible for formula EECBG allocations directly from DOE.

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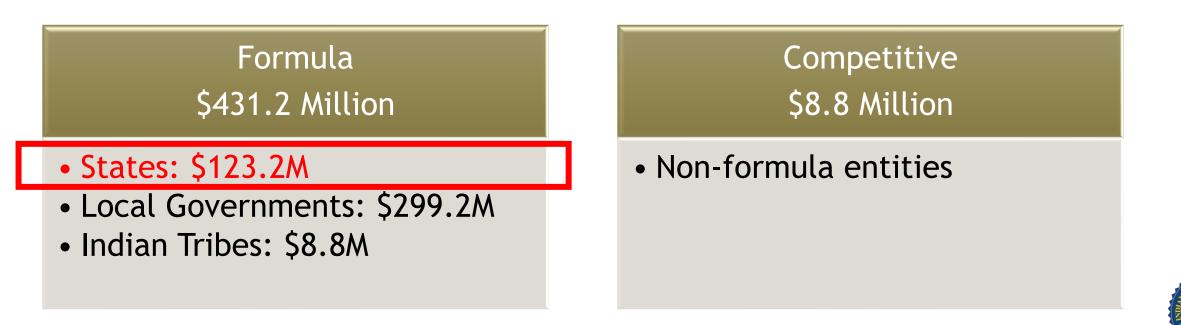


EECBG – Federal Program Overview



Federal Funding & Distribution

- ► Administered by U.S. Department of Energy
- ▶ IIJA: \$550 million for states, local governments, and tribes
- Purpose: Improve energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption



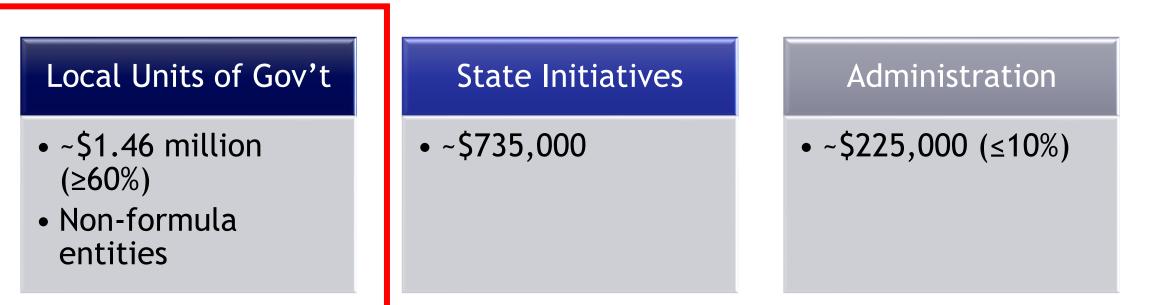


EECBG – Indiana Program & Strategy



Indiana Funding Thresholds

Total \$2,448,930 allocation to Indiana





Indiana's Program Activities

Energy Planning

- Energy Efficiency Audits & Retrofits
- ► Electric Transportation
- Workforce Development

These activities generally align with US DOE "Blueprints" that serve as project models and guides. They follow a streamlined and expedited process which require less compliance, such as NEPA, and results in less administrative effort, fewer costs, and more efficient implementation.



Activity: Energy Planning

- Purpose: Develop a strategic roadmap to focus and guide energy efficiency and conservation efforts. Plans identify existing energy consumption, goals, and strategies to meet the goals.
- ► Key Actions:
 - ► Stakeholder engagement, education, and outreach
 - ► Energy data collection to establish a baseline
 - ► Develop an energy vision, goals, and strategies
 - ► Write, adopt, and publicize plan





Activity: Energy Efficiency Audits & Improvements

Purpose: Identify and implement energy efficiency improvements for reduced energy consumption and for cost savings.

► Key Actions:

- Building assessments and energy audits
- ► Energy efficiency improvements and technologies, including grid-interactivity
- Energy savings performance contracts (Indiana Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract)

Street lighting



Activity: Electric Transportation

- Purpose: Support electric transportation
- ► Key Actions:
 - Electric vehicles and fleets
 - ► Community EV charging infrastructure
 - Grid modernization efforts necessary to support electric transportation (such as metering systems, grid-interactive technologies)



May be subject to more extensive NEPA Review



Activity: Workforce Development

- Purpose: Enhance and broaden skills of the energy workforce. Focus on the energy efficiency industry.
- ► Key Actions:
 - Program design and curriculum development
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - ► Paying trainers and trainees



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Application Process



Indiana Subgrant Process & Timeline

- Competitive solicitation process
- Eligible entities: non-formula local governments
- ► Awards:
 - ▶ \$100,000 \$200,000
 - ► Duration of 1 2 years
- Match: not required but strongly encouraged
- ► Timing:
 - ▶ Deadline to apply: February 2, 2024





Disadvantaged communities

Benefits of energy efficiency and funding program

- ► Energy affordability, reliability, and resiliency
- Environmental and health
- Access to capital and adoption of energy technology
- ► Jobs and opportunities
- Communities:
 - ► CEJST
 - Other distressed communities





Application Package

Application form online: <u>www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/eecbg-program/</u>

Include relevant supporting documentation

Submit electronically to grants@oed.in.gov



Federal & State Registrations

► Federal

- ► <u>Unique Entity Identifier</u>
- ► <u>System for Award Management</u>

State

► <u>Bidder Profile Registration</u>



Davis Bacon Act

- Requires that all workers on Federal projects must be paid wages greater than or equal to the prevailing wage within the area.
 - Includes both directly hired workers and workers of subcontractors
- IOED will have a Federal Compliance Consultant that will assist with DBA requirements.
 - Payroll data will be reported weekly to the consultant
 - Issues and discrepancies will be identified and addressed as quickly as possible to prevent work stoppages.
 - Best Practices: Ensure that initial worker classifications are correct. IOED and our compliance consultant will be able to provide Technical Assistance where needed.
- For more information, please refer to the following sources:
 - <u>DBA Desk Guide</u>
 - <u>IOED Website</u>



Build America Buy America (BABA)

- Requires federally assisted projects that involve infrastructure work to procure materials and intermediate goods from American sources.
- A waiver may be applied for to purchase materials from international sources in the following cases:
 - Applying the American sourcing requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest
 - The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality
 - The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.
- US DOE has already indicated that there will be supply chain disruptions associated with BABA
 - Please plan ahead during the application period to identify what products will need waivers.
 - There have been discussions with DOE about blanket BABA waivers for certain materials, however nothing has been finalized.
- For more information, please refer to the following sources:
 - US DOE Website
 - IOED Website



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Federal projects are subject to NEPA regulations to ensure environmental protection throughout the entire project period.
- The EECBG program is structured such that the activities included in the blueprints are categorically excluded from a NEPA review.
 - Each project will not have to receive an individual NEPA determination, since all projects must be included in one of the above-mentioned blueprints.
- For more information, please refer to the following sources:
 - <u>NEPA Website</u>
 - <u>US DOE NEPA Site</u>
 - <u>IOED Site</u>





When applications are complete, please email submissions to <u>grants@oed.in.gov</u>

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Questions

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