



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:

- ▶ 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 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

Formula
\$431.2 Million

- States: \$123.2M
- Local Governments: \$299.2M
- Indian Tribes: \$8.8M

Competitive
\$8.8 Million

- Non-formula entities



EECBG – Indiana Program & Strategy



Indiana Funding Thresholds

► Total \$2,448,930 allocation to Indiana

Local Units of Gov't

- ~\$1.46 million (≥60%)
- Non-formula entities

State Initiatives

- ~\$735,000

Administration

- ~\$225,000 (≤10%)



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



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Application Package

- ▶ Application form online: www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/eecbg-program/
- ▶ Include relevant supporting documentation
- ▶ Submit electronically to grants@oed.in.gov



Federal & State Registrations

▶ **Federal**

- ▶ [Unique Entity Identifier](#)
- ▶ [System for Award Management](#)

▶ **State**

- ▶ [Bidder Profile Registration](#)



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:
 - [DBA Desk Guide](#)
 - [IOED Website](#)



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:
 - [NEPA Website](#)
 - [US DOE NEPA Site](#)
 - [IOED Site](#)



Submissions

- ▶ When applications are complete, please email submissions to grants@oed.in.gov
- ▶ ***Application Deadline: February 2nd, 2024, 11:59 pm***



Questions

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