



FAQ's for Community Energy Security Plan Grant

1. Would cybersecurity plans fall under the Energy Security Plan or is the OED looking for a broader plan? **The Energy Security Plans should address multiple risks from an all-hazards mitigation approach, including man-made hazards and natural hazards.**
2. Is this grant open to exercising a plan? **The purpose of this grant is to enhance community-level energy security through the development of a holistic Energy Security Plan that is incorporated into a community's emergency management plan. Energy Security Plans are meant to be tested and exercised regularly in order to ensure communities are prepared for potential disruptions. This grant is designed to develop robust plans, which is inclusive of but not solely exclusive to exercising said plans.**
3. Is the purchase of a backup generators an eligible expense under this grant? **Back up generation equipment is not an eligible expense under this grant opportunity. The purpose of this grant is to enhance community-level energy security through the development of a holistic Energy Security Plan that is incorporated into a community's emergency management plan. We do encourage community energy plans to include identification of critical facilities and those in need back up generation. OED is considering developing a future grant program that for backup generation.**
4. Can two local units of government join together in a coordinated plan? If so, can two cities and a county ask for \$150,000? **We encourage local governments to partner with each other in a coordinated effort to build a comprehensive Energy Security Plan, however the maximum award per application will remain \$50,000.**
5. Can this plan be paired with another emergency planning effort? **Yes. While the Energy Security Plan can certainly be a standalone document, if it makes sense for your community to merge it with your All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, or another related plan, that is certainly welcome from our standpoint. You may need to confirm with entities on the other plan they are also good to incorporate energy security.**
6. Will future dollars be available after this grant to further address resiliency? **An important benefit of completing an energy security plan is that it could help secure additional funding in the future, whether it is through our office or elsewhere. A plan that identifies additional actions needed or areas for improvement can be extremely helpful and advantageous when applying for additional grants and can demonstrate the need for additional funding. Our office is investigating additional future opportunities to continue helping communities with their energy security needs.**
7. Will this grant be awarded to any consultants to assist communities? **Consultants are not an eligible entity to apply, however awarded communities may hire or partner with consultants.**