



Community Energy Security Planning Grant Program

The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) is offering a competitive Community Energy Security Planning Grant. Communities throughout the state can take advantage of this opportunity to enhance energy reliability and resilience at a local level by developing or enhancing energy security planning efforts, with a focus on critical infrastructure. Funding for this grant comes from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and is administered by Indiana OED to assist communities in assessing and preparing for energy security through comprehensive planning.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted to grants@oed.in.gov by **March 1, 2023**.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are county governments, towns, cities, regional planning organizations, or nonprofits working on behalf of communities.

Match: A minimum of 10% match of the award amount.

Project Requirements: Projects must complete and provide an energy security plan by the end of the grant.

The funding opportunity allows for efforts to develop, enhance, and implement local energy security planning to ensure more reliable and resilient energy infrastructure. An energy security plan will **identify, assess, and mitigate** risks to energy infrastructure and to plan for, respond to, and recover from events that disrupt energy supply.

Energy Security Plans are meant to be tested and exercised regularly in order to ensure communities are prepared for potential disruptions. Energy infrastructure and delivery systems are vulnerable to a variety of threats and hazards, including severe weather, cyberattacks, system failures, pandemics, and deliberate physical attacks. Because most of the Indiana's critical infrastructure is privately-owned and operated, both the public and private sector have a mutual motivation to reduce the risk of disruptions to critical infrastructure. **Communication** between both the public and private sector is essential in ensuring a swift response to any potential hazard.

Below are some key elements in energy security plans, and further outlined in the funding instructions.

Identify. All sources of energy, energy providers, critical infrastructure, and potential hazards are identified.

Assess. The production, transmission, distribution, and use of energy, are assessed, including a risk assessment.

Prepare and Mitigate. Identified methods to strengthen, secure, and restore energy infrastructure from energy disruptions resulting from hazards and threats.

Communicate. Outline the roles, responsibilities, and coordination necessary in the event of extended energy disruption.

Test. The plan should be tested and exercised to validate the plan and strengthen local preparedness.