



# SCEP

STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

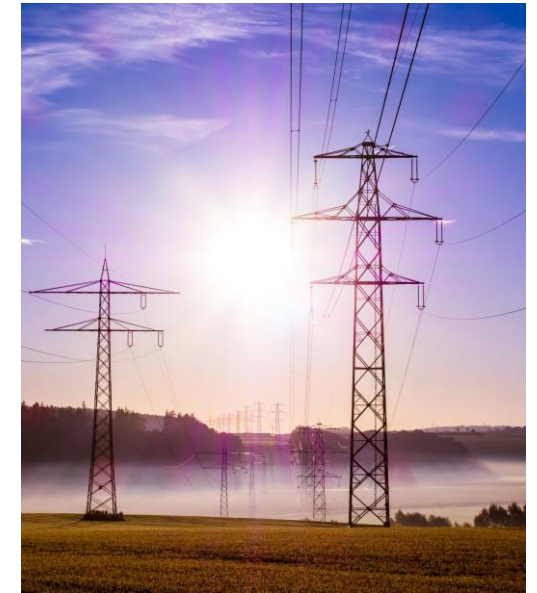
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## Office of State & Community Energy Programs (SCEP)

### Mission Statement

To accelerate the deployment of clean energy tech and practices **through place-based strategies** involving state, local, and Tribal governments, community orgs, academia, and business stakeholders that catalyze community economic development, create high-quality jobs, and improve the lives of Americans.

### Guiding Vision

**The bridge that connects the federal government to community serving institutions.** SCEP manages the main community-facing funding and technical assistance programs and serves as the common touch point and navigator through DOE and other applicable programs across the government. If done right, everyone should be connected to the impact of DOE programs.



# EECBG Program Overview

## **Program Purpose:** support state, local, and tribal governments to

- **Reduce fossil fuel emissions** in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and maximizes benefits to communities
- **Reduce their total energy use**
- **Improve energy efficiency** in the transportation, building, and other sectors

**Total IJA Appropriation: \$550 Million for** states, local governments, & tribes



# EECBG Program Eligibility & Funding Distribution

Total IJA Appropriation: \$550M

**Formula Grants:**  
**\$431.2M**  
**2,708 eligible entities**

**Competitive Grants:**  
**\$8.8M**  
**Formula ineligible entities**

**68%**  
of grant funds

**1,878 Local Govts.**  
**\$299.2M**

**28%**  
of grant funds

**50 States, 5 Territories & DC**  
**\$123.2M**  
States must pass through at least 60% to ineligible local governments

**2%**  
of grant funds

**774 Indian Tribes**  
**\$8.8M**

**Local Governments, Tribes & Consortia NOT eligible for formula grants**


\*Distribution does not reflect \$110M set aside for DOE to deliver an effective and efficient program and to provide technical assistance to eligible entities before distributing remaining funds to eligible entities.

# Flexible Funding Allows Choice From Diverse Activities

- ✓ Eligible activities range from strategy development to clean energy deployment
- ✓ Funds can be used community-wide; not just for government buildings and facilities
- ✓ Governments can fund clean energy *projects* or launch clean energy *programs*

1. Strategy Development\*\*
2. Technical Consultant Services\*\*
3. Building Energy Audits
4. Financial Incentive Programs
5. Energy Efficiency Retrofits
6. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities
7. Development and Implementation of Transportation Programs
8. Building Codes and Inspections
9. Energy Distribution Tech. for Energy Efficiency
10. Material Conservation Programs
11. Reduction and Capture of Methane and Greenhouse Gases
12. Traffic Signals and Street Lighting
13. Renewable Energy Technologies on Government Buildings
14. Programs for Financing, Purchasing, and Installing Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Zero-Emission Transportation (and associated infrastructure) Measures

\*\*States and territories may not expend funds for these two eligible uses

 New activity added by IIJA

# EECBG Program Timelines

## Formula Program Deadlines

- 1 **Pre-Award Information Sheet Due:** July 31st
- 2 **State Applications:** July 31st  
*DOE will prioritize review of State applications*
- 3 **Local / Tribal Applications:**
  - Application Period #1: April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Application Period #2: July 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Application Period #3: October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Application Period #4: January 31, 2024
- 4 **DOE will take 30-60 days to review complete applications\***

## Competitive Program Deadlines

- 1 **Concept Paper:** June 5th
- 2 **Concept Paper Notifications:** Mid-June
- 3 **Full Application due:** August 7th
- 4 **DOE Selection Date:** Late September
- 5 **Award Notification:** October - November

*\*Award processing times are estimates. Grants not following blueprints will take a minimum of 90 days to review. Timelines do not include the time required for applicants to prepare and submit an application to DOE.*

# Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy (EECS) Requirements

## Each State and Territory must submit a proposed EECS that:

- 1) Establishes a process for providing subgrants to local governments that are not eligible for direct formula grants from DOE (within 180 days of DOE approval of the State's application)
- 2) Includes a plan for use of EECBG Program funds to assist the state in achieving the goals for increased energy efficiency and conservation in the state in accordance with the program purpose

*DOE has provided a streamlined EECS Template that states and territories may use when submitting their EECS, but the template is not required.*

***The EECS is due with the application, on July 31, 2023.***

# Sub-Granting For States & Territories

- States are **required to sub-grant at least 60% of their allocation** to local governments in their state that are not eligible for direct formula grants from DOE.\*
  - ✓ States are required to provide the subgrants within **180 days of DOE approval** of the State's energy efficiency and conservation strategy.
  - ✓ States must provide subgrants in the form of **cash grants**. They may not provide subgrants in the form of in-kind vouchers for technical assistance or equipment.
  - ✓ States are encouraged to consider prioritizing sub-grants to historically energy-burdened and disadvantaged communities, in line with the **Justice40 initiative**.

*\*American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the District of Columbia, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are exempt from having to provide subgrants.*



# Limitations For States & Territories

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- States **may not use EECBG Formula Grant funds** for the purpose of developing an EECBG Program **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy** or contracting with a technical consultant to develop this strategy.
- States may not use more than **10 percent** of amounts provided under the program for administrative expenses.

# How to Maximize EECBG In Your State

# Role of State Energy Offices in EECBG Program

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## Determine Project/Program & Manage 40% of Award

- State governments may spend 40% of funds in eligible use areas 3-14.
- States may also subgrant these funds to formula-eligible and ineligible entities.

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## Subgrant 60% of Funds to Ineligible Local Governments

- States are required to subgrant at least 60% of their allocated funds to formula grant *ineligible* local governments.

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## Provide Technical Assistance & Regional Guidance to Local Governments

- Local governments will look to states for guidance about how to expend their funds and consider how to take a coordinated regional approach. States are encouraged to support these local governments for maximum impacts at scale.

# EECBG Program Design Resources | What should we do?

## DOE's evidence-based program & project ideas:

- 1 **Blueprints:** Evidence based best practices & road maps for implementation
- 2 **Program Guidance:** Includes example activities and connections to technical assistance

## Online tools to learn more about Justice40 areas & local energy burdens

- 1 **Climate & Energy Justice Screening Tool (CEJST):** Discover which neighborhoods are designated as "disadvantaged." CEJST provides census tract-level demographic data, and vulnerabilities
- 2 **Low-Income Energy Affordability Data (LEAD):** View more granular income, housing & energy burden data
- 3 **State & Local Planning Tool for Energy (SLOPE):** Find out average household energy burdens and transportation burdens by county

# EECBG Competitive Award Program

**\$8.8 million** available to formula-ineligible local governments and state-recognized tribes

- Supports teams of small local governments, state-recognized tribes, and partners, including **states and non-profit organizations**
- Same clean energy activities as under the EECBG Program formula grant: EVs, renewables, efficiency, planning, workforce development, etc.
- Awards will range from **\$200,000** and **\$2 million** (depending on size of team)
- Concept papers due: **June 5, 2023**
- **Apply today!**

*DOE will **prioritize** applicants that will make **significant energy savings**, and **applicants in states & territories with less than 2 million people:***

*AK, AS, DE, GU, HI, ID, ME, MP, MT, ND, NE, NH, RI, SD, VI, VT, WV, WY*

# Q&A