



# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

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## Funding Opportunity Webinar

Indiana Office of Energy Development

February 23, 2026

# 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.**
- **Questions can be submitted during the presentation using the chat feature or during the Q&A period using the raise your hand function.**
- **Materials will be posted to the OED website after this meeting.**

# Meet the OED Team

- **Greg Cook, Communications Manager**
- **Julie Kempf, Chief of Staff**
- **Nicole Wheeler, Grant Manager**
- **Jamie Hosier, Grants Director**

# Agenda

- **About Indiana Office of Energy Development**
- **Overview of Funding Opportunity**
  - Federal Program Overview
  - State Priorities & Objectives
  - Indiana's Program Activities/Blueprints
- **Application Process & Timing**
- **Compliance (for awarded projects)**
- **Question and Answer**

# 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.**
- **Priorities:**
  - Policy Guidance
  - Grant Administration
  - Public Education

# EECBG Funding Opportunity

# Funding Overview

- **Purpose:** Improve energy affordability through energy efficiency
- **Total Funding Available:** ~\$1 million
- **Application Deadline:** **April 5, 2026**, 11:59 pm via [grants@oed.in.gov](mailto:grants@oed.in.gov)
- **Award:** Up to \$200,000 in federal grant funds per award. Total project cost cannot exceed \$250,000 with match or other funding support. Match is not required but encouraged.
- **Eligible Entities:** Indiana local governments (cities, towns, and counties)
- **Project duration:** 12 months or less (no later than August 2027).

# Eligible Entities and Projects

- **Local units of governments**
  - **Indiana cities, towns, and counties**
  - **Not allocated federal EECBG funds from U.S. Department of Energy (see Appendix A of Application Instructions)**
- **Other units of governments (such as townships and municipal corporations) are not eligible**
- **Projects must serve the community**

# Federal Program Overview

# Federal Funding & Distribution

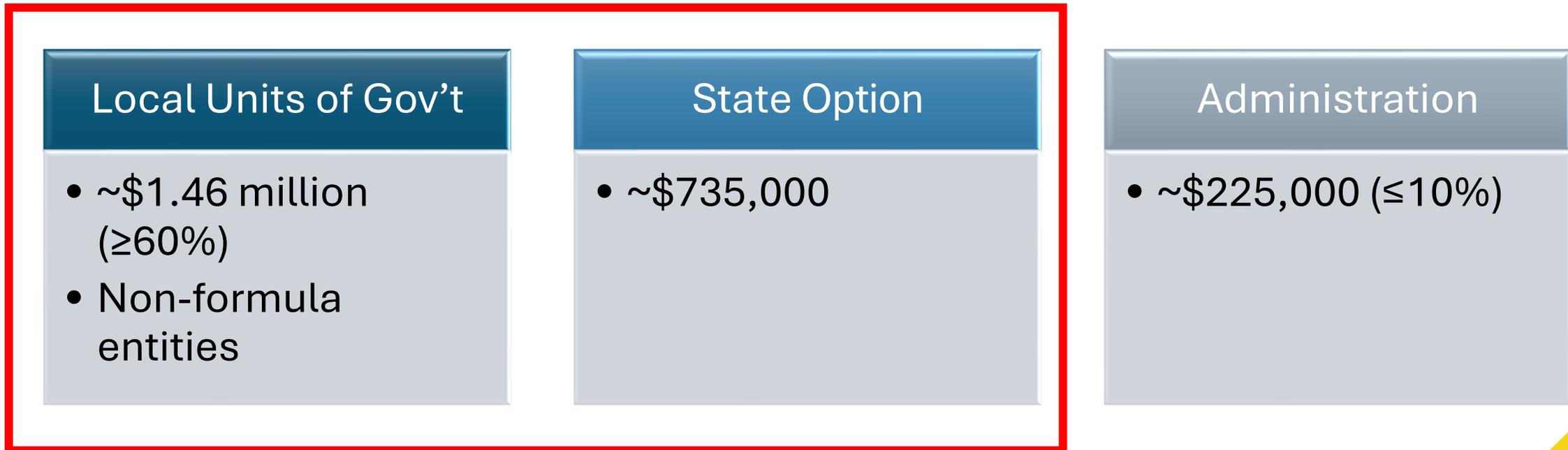
- Administered by U.S. Department of Energy
- IIJA: \$550 million for states, local governments, and tribes
- Purpose: Improve energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption



# EECBG: Indiana Program

# Indiana Funding Thresholds

- **Total \$2,448,930 allocation to Indiana**



# Indiana Priorities & Objectives

- **Energy affordability and reliability**
- **Support Indiana local governments and their communities**
- **Demonstration of project readiness and success**
- **Effective and streamlined process**

# Indiana's Program Blueprint 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.*

# Blueprint 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



# Blueprint 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
- **Energy Audits:**
  - Recommended to follow commercial-level energy audit standards ([link](#))



# Blueprint 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*

# Blueprint 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 selection process**
- **Eligible entities: counties, cities & towns**
- **Awards:**
  - Up to \$200,000 federal award
  - Projects must be completed by **August 2027**
  - Projects completed within 12 months
- **Match: not required but strongly encouraged, project cost cannot exceed \$250,000 including match**
- **Timing:**
  - **Deadline to apply: April 5, 2026 by midnight**



# Application Site

## EECBG Program

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### About the Program

### Application

### Awarded Projects

Approximately \$1 million is available for the second round of Indiana's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. This program will fund efforts to increase energy efficiency and conservation to support energy affordability for units of local governments.

#### Funding Opportunity

The application period opens on **February 2, 2026**. Applications are due **April 5, 2026** by midnight.

Up to \$200,000 in federal grant funds per award. Total project cost shall not exceed \$250,000, including any match provided. Match is not required but is encouraged.

Eligible Entities: Local governments in Indiana, specifically municipalities (i.e. cities, towns) and counties

Project length: Up to 12 months

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#### Application Materials

- [Application Instructions](#)
- [Application](#)

#### Reference Materials

- [Energy Audit Standards for Indiana Energy Efficiency Fund](#)
- [Blueprint: Energy Efficiency – Energy Audits, Building Upgrades](#)
- [Blueprint: EV Charging Infrastructure for the Community](#)
- [Blueprint: Electric Vehicles and Fleet Electrification](#)

# EECBG Application

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## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Application

### Section 1: Applicant Information

1. **Applicant Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Street Address:** Click or tap here to enter text. **City:** Click or tap here to enter text.  
**State:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Zip + 4 Code:** Click or tap here to enter text.  
**County of project location:** Click or tap here to enter text.
3. **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) #:** Click or tap here to enter text.
4. **Tax EIN:** Click or tap here to enter text.
5. **Applicant Contact (the person who will manage the project)**  
**Name:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Phone:** Click or tap here to enter text.  
**Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.
6. **Authorized Representative (the person signing contract)**

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### Section 2: Project Description

7. **Blueprint Topic:** Select the project Blueprint and applicable activities related to your project. *Select only one Blueprint Topic.*

Blueprint Topic	Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Energy Planning</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy data collection to assist in reducing total energy use or improving energy efficiency <input type="checkbox"/> Develop energy vision, goals, and strategies <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder engagement, education, and outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Write, adopt, and publicize energy plan
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Energy Efficiency: Building Audits and Retrofits, including grid interactivity</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> Building energy assessments <input type="checkbox"/> Energy audits <input type="checkbox"/> Building upgrades, including energy efficiency and grid-interactivity <input type="checkbox"/> Building management systems and controls for energy efficiency measures <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of existing traffic signals or streetlights with more energy-efficient lighting
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Energy Savings Performance Contracts for Efficiency in Municipal Buildings</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> Explore potential future financing options <input type="checkbox"/> Procurement of energy savings performance contractor and legal support/technical assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Project implementation and acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> Post-implementation measurement and verification

# Application Package & Submissions

- **Application form online:** <https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/eecbg-program/#tab-847134-2-Application>
- **Submit electronically to** [grants@oed.in.gov](mailto:grants@oed.in.gov)
- ***Application Deadline: April 5, 2026, by midnight***

# Federal & State Registrations

- **Federal**

- Unique Entity Identifier & System for Award Management

- **State**

- Bidder Profile Registration

# Awardee Compliance Requirements

# Davis Bacon Act (DBA)

- **Requires workers on Federal projects be paid wages greater than or equal to the prevailing wage within the area**
  - Applies to contracts in excess of \$2,000 for the construction, alteration, and/or repair of public buildings or public works, including painting and decorating.
- **IOED has a Compliance team that assists with DBA requirements**
  - Payroll data **MUST** be submitted weekly on LCPTracker website and reviewed by the compliance team.
  - Issues and discrepancies will be identified and addressed as quickly as possible to prevent work stoppages.
- **For more information, please refer to the following sources:**
  - [DBA](#)
  - [IOED Website](#)

# Build America Buy America (BABA)

- Requires federally assisted projects that involve public infrastructure work to procure materials and intermediate goods from American sources.
- Projects under \$250,000 and not a part of a larger project fall under a general applicability "Small Grants Waiver"
- Awarded projects should not be subject to additional BABA requirements due to being under \$250,000 threshold.
- For more information, please refer to the following sources:
  - [US DOE Website](#)
  - [IOED Website](#)

# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- NEPA ensures environmental protection has been considered throughout the entire project period.
- EECBG blueprints activities are categorically excluded from a NEPA review.
  - Activities beyond blueprints or disturbing ground may require NEPA review.
- For more information, please refer to the following:
  - [IOED Site](#)



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# Thank You

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