

# Empowering Energy Partnerships in Indiana Communities (EPIC) Funding Opportunity Announcement



The Indiana Office of Energy Development announces a \$2.5 million funding opportunity for **Indiana's Empowering Energy Partnerships in Indiana Communities (EPIC)** program. The purpose of the grant is to support a comprehensive energy solutions program tailored to communities and serve as a model for other communities across Indiana. This competitive grant program is aimed at addressing impactful energy needs and priorities at a community or regional level. Collaboration and partnerships among community entities are vital aspects of the program.

## **Application Process**

**Begins:** March 4, 2024

**Deadline 1:** May 1, 2024 – Letter of intent (LOI) due\*

**Deadline 2:** June 30, 2024 – Full application due

**Award Amount:** No minimum or maximum award, but Indiana OED anticipates awards to average \$300,000 - \$500,000.

**Eligibility:** Eligible entities include local units of government, non-profit organizations, for-profit entities, and institutions of higher education. Entities that work throughout a community or region and can coordinate partnerships are strongly encouraged, such as local and regional economic development organizations, community foundations, other organizations that participate in community development initiatives.

**Program Objectives & Priorities:** Awards will span across the four categories below to ensure a diversity of energy solutions are funded and to collectively support Indiana's five energy pillars of reliability, resiliency, stability, affordability, and environmental sustainability.

1. Energy Efficiency
2. Energy Security and Reliability
3. Alternative Fueling and Charging Infrastructure
4. Clean Energy Resources

Proposals must be able to demonstrate public benefit to Indiana communities. Proposals that invest in underserved and disadvantaged communities are encouraged. Proposals are encouraged to also support other local and state priorities such as economic development, workforce development, education, and/or public safety.

As partnerships are an essential element of this program, proposals must include meaningful partnerships that help to address shared energy needs and goals at a community or regional level. Successful applicants will serve as a model for other communities with similar energy needs and goals.

*Applicants are encouraged to think big and how they can address their energy needs on a larger scale.*

**To Apply: For full details on this funding opportunity and how to apply, visit:**

<https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/epic>

*\* During the LOI period from March 4th through May 1st, OED is offering early coordination, where interested applicants can receive assistance pertaining to program goals and design of their proposal.*