

# OEMR Newsletter

## July 2023



The Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) is responsible for coordinating energy and mineral resource planning and policy development for the State of Idaho.

### Brain teaser

What Idaho city was the first in the world to be solely powered by nuclear energy?  
A) Idaho Falls B) Arco C) Atomic City D) Rexburg E) Rigby

## PROGRAMS

### Government Leading by Example

OEMR is accepting applications from rural cities and counties that want to save money by reducing their energy costs in existing public buildings. Approved applicants receive an energy audit and may qualify for cost-share funding on energy efficient retrofits. [Link](#)

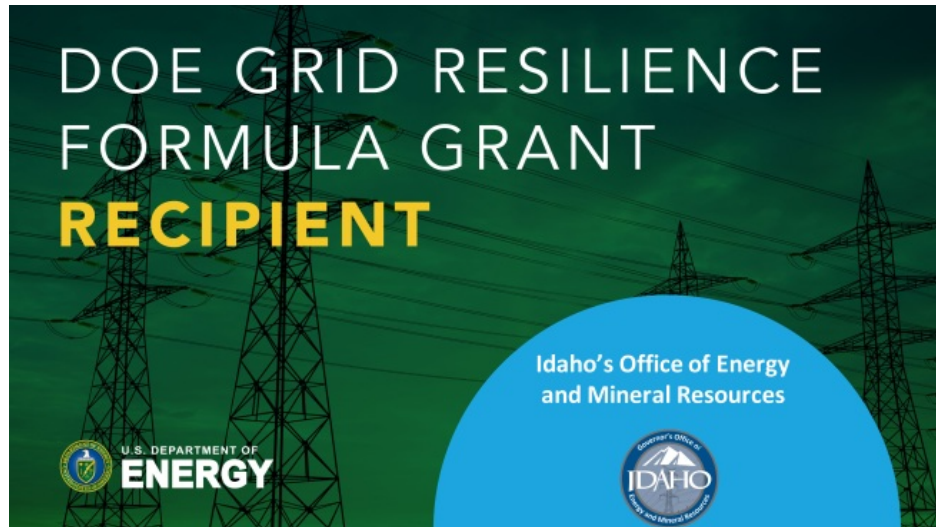
### Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

The annual Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency honors businesses and government for achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year. [Link](#)

### National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

NEVI provides states

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### Energy Resilience Grant Program

The State of Idaho is investing in strengthening and enhancing the resilience of Idaho's electric grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters.

The Department of Energy awarded \$9,256,589 to the State of Idaho through the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program. Under OEMR's administration, Idaho will use this funding to support the Energy Resiliency Grant program, which will fund strategic, measurable electric grid resiliency projects over the next ten years.

Idaho will conduct a competitive selection process to identify projects for which the roughly \$9.3 million in federal funding will be deployed. These investments will help utilities across the state meet their clean energy goals, strengthen reliability of the grid, and maintain Idaho's affordable energy. Stay tuned for additional details.

with federal funding to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network of EV charging stations across the US. [Link](#)

## State Energy Loan Program

The State Energy Loan Program offers low-interest loans to develop energy projects for homes located in Idaho. [Link](#)

## K-12 Energy Efficiency Program

This year, OEMR will launch a new program to provide retrofits for K-12 school facilities. More information coming soon.

## Energy Resilience Grant Program

The ERG Program provides discretionary cost match funding awards to Idaho utilities for investments in measurable grid resiliency upgrades across Idaho. OEMR is looking to support projects that demonstrate an immediate need and offer a high level of impact towards the goal of grid resilience. The grant program will be administered in multiple funding cycles over the next 5 years. More information coming soon.

# State Energy Loan Program



### Terms

#### **Single Family Housing Loans (Residential):**

\$1,000 minimum to \$30,000 maximum

Credit Analysis Fee: \$100

#### **Flexible Payment Options Rates and Terms:**

- 3% for 36 months
- 5% for 60 months
- 7% for 84 months

Application materials are available on OEMR's website at [www.oemr.idaho.gov/loan-program](http://www.oemr.idaho.gov/loan-program) or using the QR code at the bottom of this page.

#### **Loans are Available for:**

- Insulation
- Weatherization
- Windows
- HVAC
- Appliances
- Lighting
- Renewable Energy Projects

### Program Description

The Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) State Energy Loan Program offers low-interest loans to fund energy efficiency projects for single-family homes in Idaho. All loans are evaluated by a financial institution for credit worthiness and must be secured with real estate. Consumers may choose to leverage these loans by accessing utility incentives and federal and state tax credits and deductions.

**Application period opens July 10th, 2023 and closes October 10th, 2023.**

OEMR's State Energy Loan Program will be allocated evenly among four Idaho regions.

Loans not allocated to a region after the application period will be reallocated among pending applications.



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[Visit link to apply!](#)

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# FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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For further Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding opportunities please visit the DOE Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Program & Funding Opportunity Announcements ([Link](#)). For further funding opportunities from the DOE please visit: Grants.gov ([Link](#)), EERE Funding Exchange ([Link](#)), and OCED Funding Exchange ([Link](#)).

## **Solar For All**

The goal of this FOA is to spur the deployment of residential solar energy while serving low-income and disadvantaged communities. [Link](#)

## **Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants**

The goal of this FOA is to provide Guaranteed Loans & Grants to rural small businesses and agricultural producers for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. [Link](#)

## **Industrial Research and Assessment Center Implementation Grants Workstream 1**

The goal of this FOA is to bolster American small and medium-sized manufacturers manufacturing base by supporting projects to improve energy and material efficiency, to increase productivity, and to reduce emissions. [Link](#)

## **Industrial Research and Assessment Center Implementation Grants Workstream 2**

The goal of this FOA is to begin soliciting applications from non-Industrial Assessment Centers (IAC) or Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnership assessment providers to qualify assessments from other parties as “IAC- equivalent.” [Link](#)

## **Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection**

The goal of this FOA is to improve battery collection and reduce battery waste by identifying battery collection locations and increasing accessibility to those locations. [Link](#)

## **Mega Grant Program**

The purpose of this FOA is to fund major infrastructure projects that are too large for traditional funding programs. These major projects include highways, passenger rail, port, and related public transportation projects. [Link](#)

## **Rural Surface Transportation Grant**

The purpose of this FOA is to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to improve safety and increase connectivity. [Link](#)

## **Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects Program**

The purpose of this FOA is to improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and eliminate supply chain bottlenecks and improve critical freight movements. [Link](#)

## **EPA Clean School Bus Program**

The goal of this FOA is to fund the replacement of existing school buses with clean and zero-emission school buses. [Link](#)

## **Empowering Rural America**

The goal of this FOA is to help rural Americans transition to clean, affordable, and reliable energy. [Link](#)

## Powering Affordable Clean Energy

The goal of this FOA is to help make clean, affordable, and reliable energy accessible to the people of rural America. [Link](#)

## Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas

The goal of this FOA is to improve the resilience, reliability, and affordability of energy systems in communities across the country with 10,000 or fewer people. [Link](#)

## Partially Closed Funding Opportunities

July 7: Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Pilot Demonstrations [Link](#)

July 19: Clean Hydrogen Electrolysis Manufacturing and Recycling [Link](#)

July 28: Ride and Drive Electric [Link](#)

July 31: IACs at Trade Schools, Community Colleges, and Union Training Programs; BTACs [Link](#)

August 1: Heat Pump Defense Production Act [Link](#)

August 3: Renew America's Nonprofits [Link](#)

August 4: Industrial Decarbonization and Emissions Reduction Demonstration [Link](#)

August 7: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Competitive Program [Link](#)

August 31: Clean Energy Demonstration on Current and Former Mine Lands [Link](#)

October 6: Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity Incentives [Link](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 10:** State Energy Loan Program Applications open. [Link](#)

**July 10:** Virtual NEVI Meeting - Noon MST. [Link](#)

**August 8:** Comments on the proposed EPA Section 111 rule are due to the EPA. [Link](#)

**August 15:** Comments on the proposed Right of Way rule are due to the BLM. [Link](#)

**October 26:** LINE Commission meeting in Twin Falls. [Link](#)

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