

OEMR Newsletter

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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

True/False: In 2021, Idaho's average electricity rate was the lowest compared to all other states.

OEMR NEWS



Idaho Energy Resiliency Grant Program is Now Open

OEMR is pleased to announce the latest funding opportunity under the Idaho Energy Resiliency Grant Program ERGP. ERGP fosters strategic investments that demonstrate measurable improvements to grid resiliency, deliver modernized grid infrastructure, and mitigate risks from increased electrification and disruptive events. Funding for this round of ERGP is available as a subaward pursuant to Section 40101(d) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes. Through a combination of state and federal funds, OEMR will build upon the prior success of the ERGP and once again leverage public funds to spur investments for the benefit of your customers and Idaho's economy.

OEMR intends to subaward its Section 40101(d) grant in two phases. **This funding opportunity is for phase one, which prioritizes investments in existing infrastructure that alleviate the risk of disruptive events and improve immediate resiliency needs.** Phase two is anticipated to occur in subsequent years and will prioritize investments in modernizing existing infrastructure and improving grid operations.

Eligible entities include electric grid operators, electricity storage operators, electricity generators, transmission owners and operators, distribution providers, and fuel suppliers.

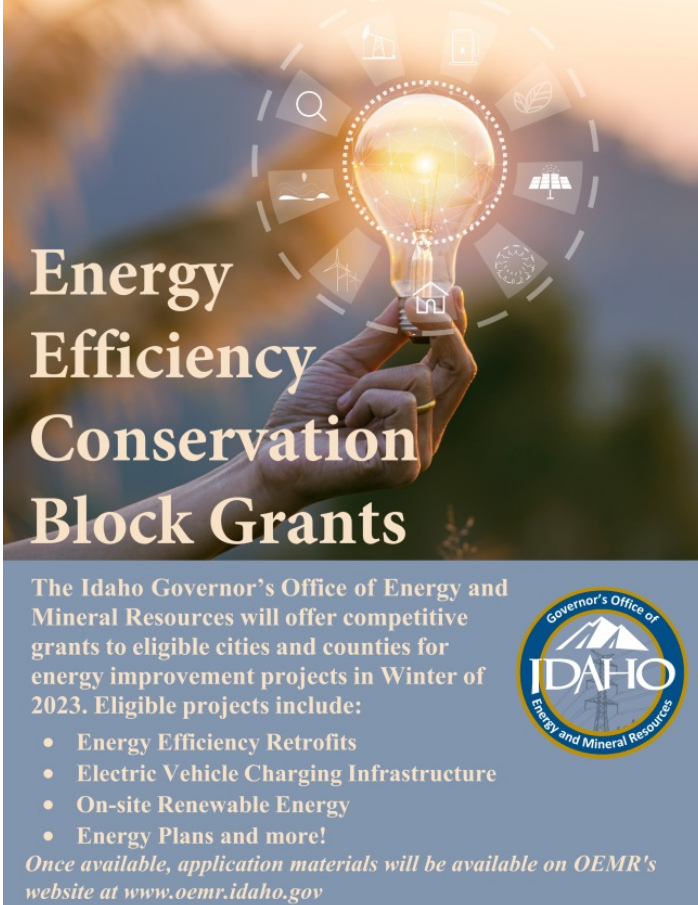
The application period for OEMR's ERGP is open until December 15, 2023. For more information, please visit the ERGP website at the link below.

[Check it out here!](#)

Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Application Opens Soon

OEMR will soon open a competitive solicitation for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). This grant

opportunity will foster sustainable economic development opportunities focusing on jobs creation and retention. Grant funds will support energy efficiency and conservation projects deploying market-ready advanced energy technologies that increase energy resilience and savings. Funding is available as a subaward pursuant to Section 40552 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Idaho's EECBG Program is for cities and counties that were not eligible for direct EECBG formula funding from DOE. An application will open in mid-November 2023 and will be found on OEMR's website. **Full applications are due January 2024.**




Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants

The Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources will offer competitive grants to eligible cities and counties for energy improvement projects in Winter of 2023. Eligible projects include:

- Energy Efficiency Retrofits
- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- On-site Renewable Energy
- Energy Plans and more!

Once available, application materials will be available on OEMR's website at www.oemr.idaho.gov



TAKE THE SURVEY!



NEVI Survey

The State of Idaho is administering the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program to enhance our state's electric vehicle infrastructure, and your input is vital to its success.

By taking just a few minutes to complete the survey linked below, you can help shape the future of electric vehicle infrastructure in Idaho.

To participate in the survey, please click on the following link:

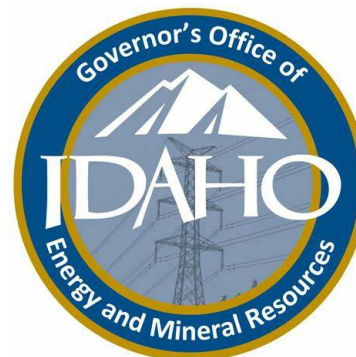
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PROGRAMS

Energy Resilience Grant Program

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[Link](#)



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program

This year, OEMR will launch a new program to provide competitive grants to eligible cities and counties for energy efficiency projects. Projects include energy efficiency retrofits,

electric vehicle charging infrastructure, on-site renewable energy and energy plans. Applications open November 2023.

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 entities for achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year.

[Link](#)

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

NEVI provides states with federal funding to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network of EV charging stations across the US. [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.

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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](#)).

Domestic Manufacturing Conversion Grants

The goal of this funding opportunity is to support the administrations goals of accelerating the growth of domestic production capability for electric vehicles and components to meet the anticipated growth in demand for clean energy technologies as the economy transitions to net-zero emissions. [Link](#)

2023 Clean School Bus Rebates Program

The goal of this funding opportunity is to subsidize the replacement of existing school buses with cleaner buses that result in better air quality on the bus, in bus loading areas, and throughout the communities in which they operate. [Link](#)

The Clean Energy Bounty Program

The Clean Energy Bounty Program, sponsored by Warm Springs Consulting, offers free energy treasure hunts tailored to rural organizations in Idaho, with the aim of helping them reduce energy expenses. To support this initiative, Warm Springs Consulting has secured a \$100,000 Energizing Rural Communities Prize, which will be used to extend valuable resources to rural organizations for achieving cost-reduction benefits in energy efficiency projects. [Link](#)

Distributed Energy Systems Demonstrations

In this FOA, OCED is seeking projects that can demonstrate that aggregated and coordinated distributed energy resources (DERs) can provide reliable, predictable grid services for a wide range of system configurations. The program goal is to build confidence that the design, control, and compensation approaches developed can be readily applied to other portions of the distribution grid and extended to other mixes of DERs, potentially extending the value of this approach to a more diverse set of communities, individuals, and entities as the distribution system continues to change. [Link](#)

Transmission Siting and Economic Development Grant Program

The goal of the Transmission Siting and Economic Development Grant Program is for states, tribes, and local governments to accelerate and strengthen electric transmission siting and permitting processes. Through this program, DOE will support two distinct categories of activities related to the development of new or upgraded interstate and offshore transmission lines: siting and permitting and economic development. [Link](#)

Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants

The goal of the Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants program is to speed up adoption of advanced carbon management technologies, creating a market for environmentally sustainable alternatives in fuels, chemicals, and building products sourced from captured emissions from industrial and power generation facilities by providing \$100 million to support eligible entities in purchasing products derived from converted carbon emissions. [Link](#)

INL Education Grants

Idaho National Laboratory has opened the application period for its STEM grants. INL will award grants on behalf of Battelle Energy Alliance, which operates the lab for the U.S. Department of Energy. INL cultivates Idaho's education landscape by leveraging partnerships and resources to grow science, technology, engineering and math opportunities for all. The program seeks to align future workforce needs with STEM education in Idaho. Over the past decade, the lab has awarded nearly \$5 million to support STEM education in Idaho. [Link](#)

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program (BRIC)

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. The program's guiding principles are supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large infrastructure projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.

[Link](#)

Partially Closed Funding Opportunities

November 28: Materials, Operation, and Recycling of Photovoltaics. [Link](#)

November 29: Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection. [Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Idaho Energy Resiliency Grant Program deadline- Dec. 15th

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Answer to the Brainteaser:
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