

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

Hydroelectricity provides about ___ percent of Idaho's in-state energy.

A) 65 B) 47 C) 53 D) 51

OEMR NEWS

Idaho Falls Power Geothermal Proposals

Idaho Falls Power is seeking proposals from entities capable of delivering up to 15 MW of geothermal generation, with a target between 6 and 12 MW. IFP is open to proposals for projects in various stages of development that can meet this capacity requirement by the specified Commercial Operation Date. Read more about the request for proposals below.

[Check it out here!](#)



Governor Little Proclaims October 4th as Energy Efficiency Day

Energy Efficiency Day falls on the first Wednesday of October. The Department of Energy has released tips on saving money and energy in homes. From providing tools to assess your home's energy use, designing your home for energy efficiency, or implementing new measures to save on daily commutes, there are simple measures that one can take to save energy and money. Visit the website today.

[Check it out here!](#)

Home Energy Rebates Frequently Asked Questions

The Inflation Reduction Act signed into law in August of 2022 includes money allocated towards home energy efficiency and electrification projects. This comprehensive FAQ resource offers valuable information to homeowners seeking to enhance their home's energy efficiency and sustainability. The FAQ covers a wide range of topics, including eligibility criteria, application procedures, and rebate amounts. You can explore the details further by visiting the link below.

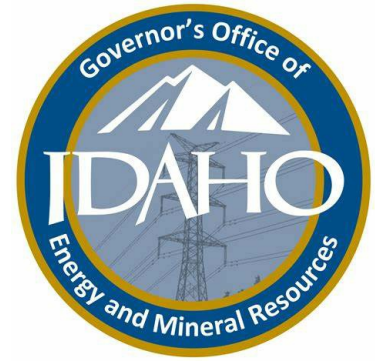
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PROGRAMS

State Energy Loan Program

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

Applications close October 10.



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](#)

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](#)

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 resiliency. Application expected to open October 2023. More information coming soon.

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. More information coming soon.

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](#)).

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](#)

Materials, Operation, and Recycling of Photovoltaics (MORE PV)

The goal of this FOA is to reduce the cost and lifecycle impacts of PV systems and its components. As well as, improve material recovery and safe end-of-life practices for PV components. [Link](#)

Silicon Solar Manufacturing and Dual-use Photovoltaics Incubator

The goal of this FOA is to fund demonstration activities that support the domestic silicon PV module supply chain as well as RD&D and product development for dual-use PV. [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](#)

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](#)

National Clean Investment Fund

The goal of this FOA is to provide grants to 2–3 national nonprofit financing entities to create national clean financing institutions capable of partnering with the private sector to provide accessible, affordable financing for tens of thousands of clean technology projects nationwide. [Link](#)

Clean Communities Investment Accelerator

The goal of this FOA is to provide grants to 2–7 hub nonprofits that will provide funding and technical assistance to clean technology deployment in low-income and disadvantaged communities. [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](#)

Partially Closed Funding Opportunities

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

October 10: State Energy Loan Program application deadline. [Link](#)
October 12: Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas [Link](#)
November 29: Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection. [Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4: Energy Efficiency Day

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

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Answer to the Brainteaser:
D) 51



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