

OEMR Monthly Newsletter February 2024



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

Renewable energy sources generate ____ of the electricity in Idaho?

(a) 12% (b) 24% (c) 50% (d) 74%

OEMR NEWS

The Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Closes February 9, 2024

The Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources is pleased to announce a second round of applications for the Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG), which will provide competitive subawards to cities and counties to promote energy efficiency and conservation practices while continuing to meet the needs of its growing communities, reducing tax burdens, and keeping energy rates low. Applications are due no later than February 9, 2024 at 11:59 pm MST.

For additional information, visit the Idaho EECBG webpage:

<https://oemr.idaho.gov/idaho-energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program/>

or contact alexa.bouvier@oemr.idaho.gov

A graphic for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants program. It features a hand holding a glowing lightbulb, with a circular dashboard of energy-related icons (like a house, a leaf, a plug, and a gear) floating around it. The text "Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants" is prominently displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, a smaller text block states: "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:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Energy Efficiency Retrofits", "• Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure", "• On-site Renewable Energy", and "• Energy Plans and more!". At the bottom, it says "Once available, application materials will be available on OEMR's website at www.oemr.idaho.gov". The OEMR logo is in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

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The Idaho Energy Resiliency Grant Program Closes February 12, 2024

The Idaho Energy Resiliency Grant Program (ERGP) fosters strategic investments that demonstrate measurable improvements to grid resiliency, deliver modernized grid infrastructure, and mitigate risks from increased electrification and disruptive events. OEMR has re-opened the ERGP application period until February 12, 2024. Visit our [website](#) to learn more!

Governor Little

proclaims February to be INL's 75th Anniversary Month

INL celebrated its 75th anniversary in Boise this past week, hosting a reception and INL Day at the Capitol. INL has an estimated impact of nearly \$4 billion

and employs over 6,000 people. Join us in celebrating INL's important role in the state and our continued partnership for decades to come.

Photo courtesy of INL



DOE announces Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentive Selections

5 of the 46 projects selected to receive Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentive payments were in Idaho! To read more about the projects and how these incentives will bring federal dollars to Idaho taxpayers, click [this link](#).

Partnerships Advance Nuclear Research and Cleanup Milestones

Recently, the state of Idaho affirmed that DOE and its cleanup contractor, [Idaho Environmental Coalition](#), have reached an important milestone: the successful production of more than 100 canisters of treated liquid sodium-bearing waste. Reaching this milestone shows meaningful progress in the treatment and ultimate disposition of legacy liquid waste.



Photo courtesy of INL



Advanced Nuclear Fuel Arrives in Idaho for Testing

In December of last year, INL received a shipment of used, next-generation, light water reactor fuel to test and research, which could lead to safer, more cost-effective nuclear power. According to a release from INL, the experimental fuels are “designed for extended use and robust safety

features,” and could save consumers a hefty amount on power bills “while increasing a nuclear power plant’s resilience under potential accident conditions.”

Researchers at INL will test the fuels under normal operating conditions, accidental conditions and how it will react during storage and recycling.

Photo courtesy of INL

Integra Resources Corp's DeLamar and Florida Mountain Project Reaches Critical Milestone

Integra Resources has submitted the Draft Mine Plan of Operations ("MPO") to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for the DeLamar and Florida Mountain Project located in southwestern Idaho. The MPO, a culmination of three years of environmental baseline studies, allows the Company to initiate the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") process and begin work on the ancillary permits necessary to bring DeLamar to a production decision. The submission of the MPO signifies a major step forward in the mine permitting process.



Integra's President Jason Kosec commented, "We are incredibly proud of the team at Integra for the submission of the MPO for DeLamar. This not only represents a critical milestone in the advancement of the Project, but also sets Integra apart from its peers, being one of only a few development companies in the Western U.S. with a project entering the NEPA permitting process.

Image: Florida Mountain. Photographer Amanda Stutt.



The City of Boise and Idaho Falls Secure Coveted CFI Awards

In January, the Federal Highway Administration announced that Boise and Idaho Falls secured grant funding from the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program (CFI). The program, which awarded \$622.57 million in grant funding, allows awardees to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people

live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). Idaho is now home to an impressive two of only forty-seven awardees nationwide!

[More Info on CFI](#)

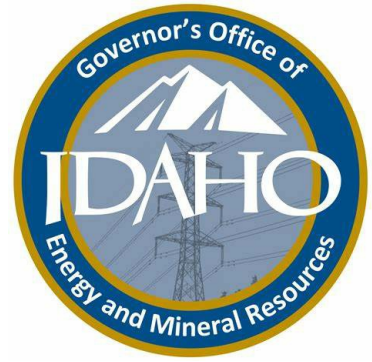
PROGRAMS

Energy Resilience Grant Program

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 is available to electric grid operators, electricity storage operators, electricity generators, transmission owners and operators, distribution providers, and fuel suppliers.

[Link](#)

The application will close on February 12th.



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program

OEMR provides 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. Second round applications are accepted until February 9th.

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. Applications will reopen in 2024.

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

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

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OEMR tracks federal funding opportunities and posts notifications to our website. For more information, visit our Federal Funding Opportunities page. [Link](#)

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](#)).

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. Concept papers were due 11/17/2023. Submission Deadline for Full Application: 2/29/2024 [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. Deadline for Full Application Submission 4/30/2024 by 3 PM MST. [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](#)

Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships

DOE will invest approximately \$3.9 billion across three programs covered by this FOA – each with specific statutory requirements– for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 through FY 2025 to deploy technologies to increase grid reliability and resilience. Together DOE refers to these programs as the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) program. The activities to be funded under this FOA support BIL sections 40101(c), 40107, and 40103(b) as well as the broader government-wide approach to modernize the American electric grid and to maximize the benefits of the clean energy transition as the nation works to curb the climate crisis, empower workers, and advance environmental justice.

Concept Papers due January 12th, 2024. Deadline for Full Applications, April 17th, 2024.

[Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9th: Idaho Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program application closes
February 12th: Idaho Energy Resiliency Grant Program application closes
February 29th: last day to submit applications for the Distributed Energy System(s) FOA

RECENT ARTICLES

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Answer to the Brainteaser:
(d) 74%



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