

# OEMR Newsletter

## January 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.

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Idaho is the home of the nation's only operating \_\_\_ mine?

(a) Copper (b) Manganese (c) Iron Ore (d) Cobalt

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## OEMR NEWS

### The Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Closes January 17, 2024

OEMR is accepting applications for the Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (Idaho EECBG) through January 17, 2024. Idaho EECBG will enable local governments to promote energy efficiency and conservation practices while reducing tax burdens and keeping energy rates low by providing competitive sub-awards to cities and counties ineligible for direct grants from the Department of Energy. OEMR will provide subawards of up to \$100,000 for projects under the following categories: workforce development, energy efficiency, capital investment & financing, energy resiliency, electric vehicles and infrastructure, and clean energy and clean energy technology. The Idaho EECBG application process closes on Wednesday, January 17, 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](http://www.oemr.idaho.gov)

For additional information, visit the Idaho EECBG webpage:

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

or contact [alexa.bouvier@oer.idaho.gov](mailto:alexa.bouvier@oer.idaho.gov)

### 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."

[Check it out here!](#)

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## PROGRAMS

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### **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.

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### **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. Applications open until January 17th.

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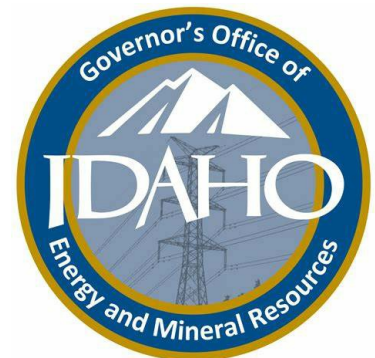
### **Government Leading by Example**

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.

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### **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

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## **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](#)

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## **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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# **FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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](#)).

## **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](#)

## **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](#)

## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Partially Closed Funding Opportunities**

[Domestic Manufacturing Conversion Grants 12/07/2023](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 29th: last day to submit applications for the Distributed Energy Systems FOA**

**January 17th: Idaho Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program closes**

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Answer to the Brainteaser:  
(d) Cobalt



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