



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.

Brinteaser

What percentage of Idaho's electricity is generated by renewables?
 A) 23% . B) 74% . C) 89% . D) 52%

PROGRAMS

State Energy Loan Program

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

Government Leading by Example Program

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

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

NEVI was enabled through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to provide states with federal funding to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and

OEMR NEWS

OEMR is Proud to Announce the Release of Three New Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA) Task Force Reports!



Alternative Fuels: https://lnkd.in/geA6_eTn

Reliability and Resiliency: <https://lnkd.in/gRzTPn2S>

Utility-scale Storage: <https://lnkd.in/gUb7npgW>

ISEA is established through Executive Order and is tasked with advising and providing information to elected officials, stakeholders, and the public on the economically efficient development of the state's energy resources that maintains the integrity of Idaho's natural resources.

establish an interconnected network of EV charging stations across the US. [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 resilience. The grant program will be administered in multiple funding cycles over the next 5 years. More information coming soon.

Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

The annual Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency honors facilities for achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year.

NOW OPEN

[Link](#)

Idaho Award for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

The application period for the 2023 Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency Awards Program is now open. OEMR has revised the program to include new classifications for applicants. For more information on the program and to apply please click on the link. [Link](#)

Surveys

OEMR is seeking feedback from K-12 public education, the agricultural sector, and rural communities. Feedback will help OEMR better understand energy needs across the state to develop and refine programs that support Idaho's communities.

Rural Community Survey

Agricultural Community Survey

Educational K-12 Community Survey

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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](#)).

Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Areas

This future Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will provide financial assistance to improve, in rural or remote areas of the United States, the resilience, safety, reliability, and availability of energy, and

environmental protection from adverse impacts of energy generation. ([Link](#))

Energizing Rural Communities Prize

The goal of this prize is to develop partnership plans or innovative financing strategies to help rural or remote communities improve their energy systems and advance clean energy demonstration projects. [Link](#)

Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Lands

The goal of this program is to demonstrate the technical and economic viability of deploying clean energy on current and former mine land. [Link](#)

Rural Energy for America Program

The goal of this program is to provide guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. [Link](#)

Hydroelectric Production Incentives

The goal of this incentive is to make a benefit available for electric energy generation and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. [Link](#)

Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives

The goal of this incentive is to encourage owners or operators of existing hydroelectric facilities, including pumped storage hydropower, to apply for funding to make capital improvements that can improve their efficiency by at least 3%. [Link](#)

Carbon Capture Large-Scale Pilot Projects

The goal of this FOA is to establish a carbon capture technology program for the development of transformational technologies that will significantly improve the efficiency, effectiveness, costs, emissions reductions, and environmental performance of coal and natural gas use, including in manufacturing and industrial facilities. [Link](#)

Industrial Decarbonization and Emissions Reduction Demonstration

The goal of this FOA is to fund projects that focus on the highest emitting and hardest to abate industries where decarbonization technologies can have the greatest impact: iron and steel, cement and concrete, chemicals and refining, food and beverage, paper and forest products, aluminum, other energy-intensive manufacturing industries and cross-cutting technologies. [Link](#)

Charging Fueling Infrastructure

The goal of this FOA is to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in communities and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). This program provides two funding categories of grants offering up to \$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. [Link](#)

Partially Closed Funding Opportunities

April 7: Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs [Link](#)

April 21: Renew America's Schools [Link](#)

Additional Funding Opportunities

- Enhanced geothermal systems pilot demonstrations [Link](#)
- Wood innovations and community wood grant programs [Link](#)
- Carbon capture demonstration projects program [Link](#)
- Carbon capture large scale pilot projects [Link](#)

CALENDAR

April 14: DOE deadline for accepting comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Molten Chloride Reactor Experiment Project at the Idaho National Laboratory

April 20: Lava Ridge Wind Project Comments due to the BLM

May 3: LINE Commission meeting in Idaho Falls. [Link](#)

RECENT ARTICLES

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DOE Transfers Spent Nuclear Fuel to Dry Storage as Part of Idaho Settlement Agreement | [Energy.gov](#)

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Answer to the Brainteaser:
B) 74%



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