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RE: Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Greetings,

Improving energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption leads to a secure future for Idaho and our country. Local governments promoting energy efficiency and conservation practices enable Idaho to continue to meet the needs of its growing communities while reducing tax burdens and keeping energy rates low. To foster energy efficiency and conservation practices the Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) will soon open a competitive solicitation for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). This grant opportunity, available to eligible Idaho cities and counties, will foster sustainable economic development opportunities focusing on jobs creation and retention. Grant funds support energy efficiency and conservation projects deploying market-ready advanced energy technologies that increase energy resilience and savings.

Each grant amount will be capped at \$100,000. Grants will be made on a reimbursement basis. **There is no cost match requirement for eligible cities and counties**, but leveraging funds is encouraged to maximize energy benefits resulting from the program. Applicants are encouraged to contact their local electric utility to pair this opportunity with other available rebates or programs.

In addition, OEMR's existing [Government Leading by Example Program](#) provides rural cities and counties energy audits to identify energy saving opportunities in government-owned buildings. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Alexa Bouvier at alexa.bouvier@oer.idaho.gov or (208) 332-1675.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Idaho's EECBG Program is for cities and counties that were not eligible for EECBG formula funding from DOE. Idaho cities and counties that received EECBG formula funding from DOE are *not* eligible for Idaho's EECBG Program.

Ineligible cities: Boise, Caldwell, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho Falls, Meridian, Nampa, Pocatello, Post Falls, Rexburg, Twin Falls.

Ineligible counties: Ada, Bingham, Bonner, Bonneville, Canyon, Jefferson, Kootenai, Latah, Nez Perce, Twin Falls.

PROJECTS

Project examples include, but are not limited to...	Priority projects should...
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate a strong need for energy improvements.• Improve energy efficiency and save costs.• Provide clear metrics for tracking measurable energy improvements.• Generate community benefit.• Lead to economic development.• Serve low-income Idaho residents to alleviate energy burden.
Renewable Energy Generation	
Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure	
Workforce Development	

PROGRAM TIMELINE

An application will open in November 2023 and full applications are due January 2024. The application will be delivered via email to eligible cities and counties and will be available on [OEMR's website](#). Additional guidelines and specific requirements will be released when the formal solicitation becomes available.

Sincerely,



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