

# Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program



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# What is the Idaho EECBG Program?

- Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Idaho Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program will provide competitive subawards to local governments to promote energy efficiency and conservation practices.
- In 2009, OEMR administered the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). **71** city and county projects were funded and projects varied from
  - HVAC upgrades
  - Insulation improvements
  - Lighting retrofits
  - Window replacements



# Objective of Idaho EECBG

- Assist eligible applicants in creating and implementing strategies to:
  - Utilize funding from other sources including direct grant recipients, utilities, and nonprofit organizations
  - Create the greatest number of sustainable jobs
  - Establish strong and diverse partnerships with cities, counties and other stakeholders
  - Reduce energy burdens in disadvantaged communities
    - 83 communities in Idaho
    - 36 counties in Idaho
    - Over 450,000 people
  - Increase energy resilience
  - Increase energy savings
  - Promote the deployment of advanced energy technologies



# Award Overview

- Total award per applicant: **\$100,000**
- Subawards will be paid by reimbursement only
- Pre-award costs are not allowed
- Cost match is not required
- Subaward funds will be issued to cities and counties by **April 1, 2024**
- Projects are encouraged to be completed in 18 months



# Project Examples

- Energy efficiency
  - Weatherization
  - Retrofits
  - Energy conservation
  - Energy management
- Workforce development
  - Curriculum development
  - Program education, outreach and advertising
  - Paying trainers and trainees
  - Providing trainee assistance



# Project Examples

- Capital investment & financing
  - Revolving loan fund model- leveraging limited grant dollars to attract private capital or recirculate grant funds over multiple lifecycles.
  - Created a dedicated reserve from which direct loans are made for clean energy projects. Proceeds flow back into the fund and become available to lend again.
- Resiliency
  - Microgrids-backup power during an emergency and onsite energy that would reduce utility bills year-round. (critical facilities)
- Electric vehicles and infrastructure
- Clean energy/clean energy technology
  - On-site renewable energy



# Application Scoring Criteria

Energy Conservation (70%)	Community Benefit (25%)	Administrative Compliance (5%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates a strong need for energy improvements</li><li>• Improves energy efficiency and saves costs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generates community benefit</li><li>• Leads to economic development</li><li>• Serves low-income Idaho residents to alleviate energy burden</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adheres to administrative requirements</li></ul>



# Application

- Applications are due no later than **January 17, 2024**
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Key Topics to address within an application:
  - **Energy Conservation**
  - **Community Benefit**
  - **Administrative Compliance**

**[Link: Application](#)**





# Administrative Compliance

- The Idaho EECBG grant must comply with federal regulations.
- Proposed projects must comply with the following federal regulations:
  - Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
  - Davis Bacon Act
  - Build America Buy America Act



# Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act

- All proposed projects must align with the [Statement of Work](#)
- All applications must include a project description that speaks to the proposed project to include the **age of the building** associated with the proposed project and **location** of the proposed project.



# Davis Bacon Act

- All laborers and mechanics employed by the subrecipient, contractors, or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration or repair work funded in whole or part under this grant shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality.
  - Receiving and reviewing certified weekly payrolls submitted by contractors
  - Maintaining original certified weekly payrolls for 3 years after completion of the project.



# Build America Buy America Act

- Federally assisted projects which involve infrastructure work require that none of the project funds may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:
- 1) All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States
  - This includes all manufacturing processes, from the initial meeting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.



# Build America Buy America Act

## 2) All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States

- The manufactured product was manufactured in the United States.
- The costs of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55% of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product.



# Build America Buy America Act

- 3) All construction materials are manufactured in the United States
  - All manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.
  - The requirements only apply to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project.
  - This does not apply to tools, equipment and supplies brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project.
  - This does not apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.



# Budget Worksheet

- Explain the total costs associated with each project proposed in the application.
- It is encouraged to work with other stakeholders to offset project costs, but not mandatory.
- Cost-match is not required.
- Specify direct costs associated with the project and indirect costs that account for project completion.
- [Budget Worksheet](#)



# Questions

- If you have questions during the application process, the [Statement of Work](#), Scoring Criteria in the [Request for Applications](#) and the [Request for Applications Appendices](#) documents are great resources to refer to, in addition to the technical assistance our office provides.

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# Thank you

On behalf of OEMR, we are excited to offer this opportunity to cities and counties once more and we look forward to becoming more familiar with your community's needs.

