

# OEMR Newsletter

## June 2023



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

What form of electricity generation generates the most amount of electricity in Idaho?  
A) Hydroelectric B) Solar C) Coal D) Wind E) Biofuel

## PROGRAMS

### 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 for achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year. [Link](#)

### National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

NEVI provides states with federal funding to

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### National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Group to Host Public Meetings

State agencies announced the progression to the next phase of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program and will be hosting several opportunities for the public to provide input on criteria for charging stations in the site selection process.

To ensure a comprehensive engagement process, the interagency work group is hosting seven public meetings. These meetings will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to voice their opinions and play a key role in the award of Idaho's first two NEVI pilot sites, expected to be solicited and contracted in 2023. The meeting dates and times are as follows:

- \*June 13:** Hispanic Cultural Center, Nampa 5 - 6:30 PM MST.
- June 14:** Library! At Cole & Ustick, Boise 5 - 6:30 PM MST.
- June 20:** Idaho Falls Activity Center, Idaho Falls 5 - 6:30 PM MST.
- June 21:** College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls 5 - 6:30 PM MST.
- June 27:** Lewiston Public Library, Lewiston 5 - 6:30 PM PST.
- June 28:** North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene 5 - 6:30 PM PST.
- July 10:** Virtual Public Meeting. Noon MST. RSVP by email to [info@evidaho.org](mailto:info@evidaho.org) for a meeting invite.

\*Will be facilitated in Spanish

### Apply Now to Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network of EV charging stations across the US. [Link](#)

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## State Energy Loan Program

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

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## K-12 Energy Efficiency Program

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

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## 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.

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OEMR's Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency Program recognizes entities for their achievements in reducing energy consumption. Small businesses, large businesses, and government entities that have completed energy efficiency improvements within the past year are encouraged to apply. One outstanding applicant will be chosen to receive the Governor's Award for Leadership in Energy Efficiency. The application period closes September 1, 2023. [Visit link to apply!](#)



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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](#)).

## **Renew America's Nonprofits**

The goal of the Renew America's Nonprofits \$50 million grant is to support efforts focused on funding energy-efficiency improvements in nonprofit buildings. [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. [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](#)

## **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). [Link](#)

## **Ride and Drive Electric**

The goal of this FOA is to help more Americans make the switch to electric through building a national network of 500,000 public EV charging ports. [Link](#)

## **EPA Clean School Bus Program**

The goal of this FOA is to fund the replacement of existing school buses with clean and zero-emission school buses. [Link](#)

## **Empowering Rural America**

The goal of this FOA is to help rural Americans transition to clean, affordable, and reliable energy. [Link](#)

## **Powering Affordable Clean Energy**

The goal of this FOA is to help make clean, affordable, and reliable energy accessible to the people of rural America. [Link](#)

## **Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas**

The goal of this FOA is to improve the resilience, reliability, and affordability of energy systems in communities across the country with 10,000 or fewer people. [Link](#)

## **Partially Closed Funding Opportunities**

June 21: Carbon Capture Large-Scale Pilot Projects [Link](#)

July 7: Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Pilot Demonstrations [Link](#)

July 19: Clean Hydrogen Electrolysis Manufacturing and Recycling [Link](#)

July 31: IACs at Trade Schools, Community Colleges, and Union Training Programs; BTACs [Link](#)

August 1: Heat Pump Defense Production Act [Link](#)

August 4: Industrial Decarbonization and Emissions Reduction Demonstration [Link](#)

August 7: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Competitive Program [Link](#)

August 31: Clean Energy Demonstration on Current and Former Mine Lands [Link](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**July 24:** Comments on the proposed EPA Section 111 are due to the EPA. [Link](#)

**October 26:** LINE Commission meeting in Twin Falls. [Link](#)

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Answer to the Brainteaser:  
A) Hydroelectric





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