

# OEMR Monthly Newsletter March 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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## OEMR NEWS

### Announcing the 2023 Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

The Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency honor businesses and government entities for their achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year. These awards recognize entities that have measurably benefited their communities by improving their operation processes, upgrading structures with cost-effective, efficient technologies, and establishing programs that build a strong culture encouraging participation in energy saving activities. Together, the 2023 awardees saved 15,998,491 kWhs in 2022, resulting in over \$1,224,649.00 in savings.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

- St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center- Nampa, Idaho
- Alta Forest Products, Naples Sawmill- Naples, Idaho
- Brigham Young University, Idaho- Rexburg, Idaho
- Eagle Sewer District- Eagle, Idaho

One applicant whose outstanding energy efficiency efforts over the past year have significantly benefited its community is chosen to receive the Governor's Award for Leadership in Energy Efficiency.

The recipient of the Governor's Award is Chobani- Twin Falls, Idaho

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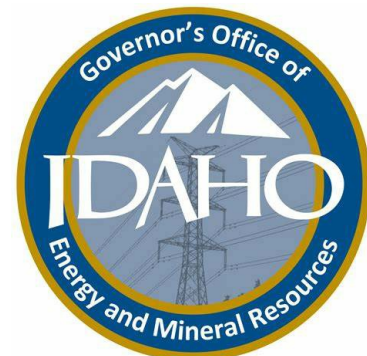
## PROGRAMS

### 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](#)

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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.

[Link](#)

The application period closed on February 12th.

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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. [Link](#)

The application period closed on February 9th.

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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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## State Energy Loan Program

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

Application will reopen in 2024.

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Electric Vehicle Newsletter. [Link](#)

Home Energy Rebates Newsletter. [Link](#)

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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](#)).

## **Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants**

The program provides 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. Submission deadline for Full Applications: 3/31/2024 [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. Deadline for Full Application Submission 4/30/2024 by 3 PM MST. [Link](#)

## **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.

[Link](#)

## **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.

Concept Papers due January 12th, 2024. Deadline for Full Applications, April 17th, 2024.

[Link](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## RECENT ARTICLES

**Veolia Sets Goal For Carbon Neutral Emissions by 2050, With Help From Idaho Power**

**House Approves Bipartisan Bill Aimed at Bolstering Nuclear Energy**

**A Spent Nuclear Fuel Shipment Arrived in Idaho - Here's Why It's a Big Deal**

**Why Idaho Power Installed Lasers at a Jerome, ID Substation**



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