



U.S. Department of Energy
**Energy Efficiency
and Renewable Energy**

Bringing you a prosperous future where energy
is clean, abundant, reliable, and affordable

Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

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Purpose

- To assist state, local, and tribal governments in implementing strategies to:
 1. reduce fossil fuel emissions
 2. reduce total energy use, and
 3. improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors.
- To spur economic growth and create/retain jobs.



Appropriation

- **Total: \$3.2 billion**
- \$2.8 billion as authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007
 - 28% to states (60% to local governments)
 - 68% to local governments
 - 2% to Indian tribes
 - 2% in competitive grants
- \$400 million in competitive grants



Eligibility – DOE Formula Grants

- **States**
 - All states including D.C.
 - Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, & Northern Mariana Islands
- **Cities**
 - Population 35,000+ or one of top ten in state
- **Counties**
 - Population 200,000+ or one of top ten in state
- **Indian Tribes**
 - All Federally recognized tribes



Eligibility – State Sub-Grants

- **Cities**
 - Population below 35,000
- **Counties**
 - Population below 200,000
- States decide how to award sub-grants



Eligibility – DOE Competitive Grants

- \$400 Million
 - All states, cities, counties, Indian tribes
- \$56 Million
 - Cities, counties and Indian tribes ineligible for direct formula grants from DOE
- Competitive grants will promote market transformation, innovation, and leveraging



Eligible Activities for Use of Funds

- **Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy and Technical Consultant Services** to assist in the development of such a strategy
- **Residential and Commercial Building Energy Audits**
- **Financial Incentive Programs** for energy efficiency improvements
- Grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing **Energy Efficiency Retrofits**
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities**
- **Development and Implementation of Transportation Programs** to conserve energy
- **Building Codes and Inspections** to promote building energy efficiency
- **Energy Distribution Technologies** including distributed generation, combined heat and power, and district heating and cooling systems
- **Material Conservation Programs** including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency
- **Reduction and Capture of Methane and Greenhouse Gases** excluding carbon capture or sequestration from power plants
- Energy efficient **Traffic Signals and Street Lighting**
- **Renewable Energy Technologies on Government Buildings**
- **Any Other Appropriate Activity** that meets the purposes of the program and is approved by DOE



DOE Objectives

- Invest funds for economic stimulus effect now *and* to meet long-term energy goals
- Create comprehensive energy strategies that benchmark current performance and set goals
- Develop programs and projects that will persist beyond grant period
- Leverage funds with public and private sources
- Coordinate at regional levels



Performance Reporting

- Outcome metrics:
 - Jobs created and/or retained
 - Energy saved
 - Renewable energy capacity
 - GHG emissions reduced
 - Funds leveraged
- Web-based reporting system
- Individual output metrics based on activity type



Next Steps for DOE

- Program guidance released shortly
- Funding Opportunity Announcement
- Allocation formula and amounts for eligible entities published in *Federal Register*
- Formula grants awarded
- Competitive grants announced



Application Process

- Simple application process through FedConnect
- Eligible entities should:
 - Become familiar with FedConnect by reading:
https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf
 - Begin the registration process to receive funds now:
 - Step 1: Request a DUNS Number at
<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>
 - Step 2: Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at
<http://www.ccr.gov/>
 - Step 3: E-Business Point of Contact must register in FedConnect at
<https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>



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