

## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

US Department of Energy funding to deploy clean energy projects, reduce energy costs, and deliver Justice40 Initiative priorities.

### Types of Eligible Projects

1. Strategy Development
2. Technical Consultant Services
3. Building Energy Audits
4. Financial Incentive Program
5. Energy Efficiency Retrofits
6. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities
7. Development and Implementation of Transportation Programs
8. Building Codes and Inspections
9. Energy Distribution Technology for Energy Efficiency
10. Material Conservation Programs
11. Reduction and Capture of Methane and Greenhouse Gases
12. Traffic Signals and Street Lighting
13. Renewable Energy Technologies on Government Buildings
14. Programs for Financing, Purchasing, and Installing Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Zero Emission Transportation (and associated infrastructure) Measures

### Total Appropriation: \$550 M

- Formula Grant: \$431.2 M
  - Eligibility
    1. States and Territories: 50 States, DC, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, U.S Virgin Islands, and Northern Marian Islands
    2. Local Governments
      - Cities >35,000 people OR in the top 10 highest populated cities in the state
      - Counties >200,000 people or in the top 10 highest populated counties in the state
    3. Tribes: Indian tribes, per section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
- Competitive Grant: \$8.8 M
  - Eligibility
    1. Local Governments: cities and counties NOT eligible for formula grants
    2. Consortia of the local and tribal governments NOT eligible for formula grants
    3. State-recognized Indian tribes
  - Ineligible: States and territories

## Funding Allocations

JURISDICTION	FUNDING AMOUNT (formula grants only)	PRE-AWARD INFO DEADLINE	FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE
<b>State Funding<sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>DC</b>	\$1,696,300	April 28, 2023*	July 31, 2023
<b>Maryland</b>	\$2,101,450	April 28, 2023*	July 31, 2023
<b>VA</b>	\$2,646,050	April 28, 2023*	July 31, 2023
<sup>1</sup> States required to sub-grant at least 60% of their allocation to local governments in their state that are not eligible for direct formula grants from DOE. (DC exempt.) <sup>1</sup> Each State and Territory must submit a proposed State Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy (EECS) that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishes a process for providing subgrants to local governments that are not eligible for direct formula grants from DOE (within 180 days of DOE approval of the State's application).</li> <li>2. Includes a plan for use of EECBG Program funds to assist the state in achieving the goals for increased energy efficiency and conservation in the state in accordance with the program purpose.</li> <li><b>3. States must submit the EECS at the time of application.</b></li> </ol>			
<b>Local Funding</b>			
<b>MD</b>			
<i>Bladensburg</i>	<i>Eligible for state sub-grant funds</i>		
Bowie	\$117,040	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Charles County	\$80,380	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
College Park	\$76,350	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Frederick County	\$81,250	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Fredrick (City)	\$137,000	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Gaithersburg	\$130,110	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
<i>Greenbelt</i>	<i>Eligible for state sub-grant funds</i>		
<i>Hyattsville</i>	<i>Eligible for state sub-grant funds</i>		
Laurel	\$76,020	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Montgomery County	\$764,010	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Prince George's County	\$681,220	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Rockville	\$134,050	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
<i>Takoma Park</i>	<i>Eligible for state sub-grant funds</i>		
<b>VA</b>			
Alexandria	\$197,700	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Arlington County	\$267,820	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Fairfax County	\$963,530	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
<i>Fairfax (City)</i>	<i>Eligible for state sub-grant funds</i>		
<i>Falls Church</i>	<i>Eligible for state sub-grant funds</i>		
Loudoun	\$350,900	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
Manassas	\$76,480	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications
<i>Manassas Park</i>	<i>Eligible for state sub-grant funds</i>		
Prince William County	\$421,130	April 28, 2023*	See Deadlines for Applications

## Deadlines for Applications

APPLICATION TYPE	FIRST DEADLINE/TIMEFRAME	SECOND DEADLINE/TIMEFRAME
State, local, & tribal applications in one or more priority categories <sup>2</sup> .	April 28, 2023* *Deadline for pre-award information sheet. Required for ALL eligible entities.	July 31, 2023
Local and tribal applications only	Sept 1, 2023 – Oct 31, 2023	Dec. 1, 2023 – Jan 31, 2024
<b>Local governments have the option of submitting their EECS at the time of application or no later than 1 year after the effective date of the award.</b>		
<u>Priority Categories<sup>2</sup></u>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. States</li> <li>2. Entities following blueprints**</li> <li>3. Teams***</li> <li>4. Entities with activities benefitting disadvantages communities</li> <li>5. Entities with activities limited to strategy development, technical consultant services, analysis &amp; stakeholder engagement</li> </ol>		
<p>**Blueprints: Step-by-step roadmaps to plan and execute a range of high-impact and evidence based clean energy projects and programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamline the application review &amp; approval process for grantees</li> <li>• Guide grantees towards high-impact &amp; effective projects &amp; programs</li> <li>• Provide strategies for advancing Justice40 goals &amp; designed with equity, jobs, and competitiveness baked in</li> <li>• Built to unlock investment down the road</li> <li>• Entities may choose to follow one or more blueprints</li> <li>• DOE will provide topical resources (i.e., webinars, trainings, tools)</li> </ul>		
<p>***Teams: may consist of any number of eligible entities (2 minimum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaming opportunities are flexible, dependent on local needs</li> <li>• Each team must opt for either voucher or grant option</li> <li>• Submit a single joint application to DOE, with one eligible EECBG Program entity as the Prime Applicant</li> <li>• Entities on a team may choose to jointly fund activities, but each entity will receive its own EECBG Program grant or voucher</li> <li>• Each entity will be ultimately responsible for accounting and tracking &amp; reporting the use of their own funds and outcomes</li> </ul>		

## Two Options for Local and Tribal Governments to Take Advantage of Formula Grants

Option 1: Grant Option*	Option 2: Voucher Option <sup>3</sup>
<p>Submit an EECBG Program Formula Application and receive funds as a grant to utilize on an eligible activity of their choice</p> <p>Required to submit pre-award information sheet by April 28, 2023.*</p>	<p>Opt-in to a voucher, which covers either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A suite of technical assistance services AND/OR</li> <li>2. Equipment purchase and installation rebates</li> </ol> <p>Beneficial for entities with limited staff resources or small award amounts, as there is a lighter administrative/reporting burden</p>
<p><u>Vouchers<sup>3</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vouchers are equivalent to formula allocation amount</li> </ul>	

- Entities that opt into vouchers are not required to apply for and administer a direct federal grant
- Instead, they will submit a separate application using a streamlined process with reduced documentation, monitoring, and reporting requirements
- Not obligated to establish financial management systems typically required for federal grant management
- Examples:
  - Technical Assistance
    - Policy, planning, and program design
    - Engineering and modeling
  - Equipment Rebates
    - EVs and EV charging stations
    - Retrofit buildings – heat pumps, HVAC