



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

# Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

2023 Tribal Energy Webinar Series: Federal Funding for Tribes

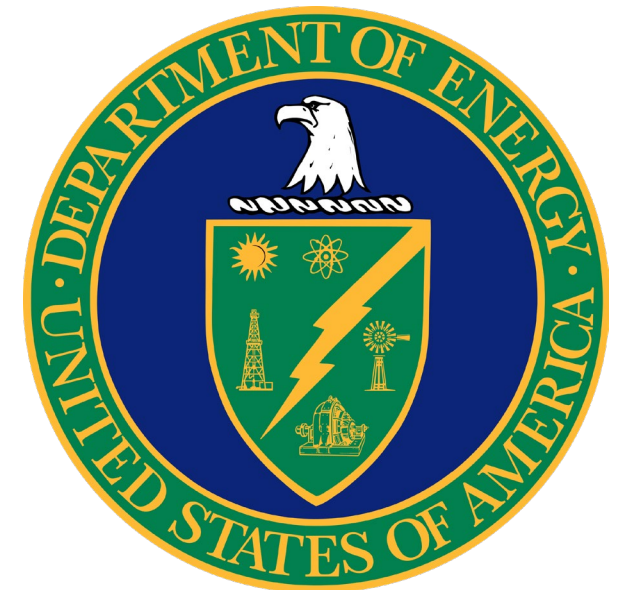
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# SCEP

STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

# Biden-Harris Administration Priorities

- The Administration knows there is **no greater challenge** facing our nation and our planet than climate change.
- We can turn the threat of climate change into an **opportunity** to:
  - Revitalize the U.S. energy and manufacturing sectors.
  - Create millions of high-quality, good paying jobs throughout the country.
  - Address historic environmental injustices and inequities.
- DOE is working to advance these goals and help the U.S. build a **100% clean energy economy** and reach **net-zero emissions** no later than 2050.



## Goals & Priorities

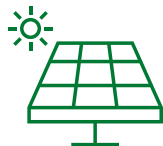
Our goal is to **extend the capacity and capabilities** of states, tribes, local governments, schools, and community-serving organizations to implement **high-impact, self-sustaining clean energy projects** that **center the needs of low-income and Disadvantaged Communities**.

SCEP does this through the management and oversight of **\$16 billion** worth of formula grants, competitive grant awards, consumer rebate grants, and technical assistance.

### SCEP Strategic Priorities



Center and deliver  
on Justice40  
priorities



Deploy clean  
energy  
technologies



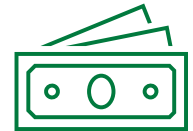
Catalyze local  
economic  
development



Create  
jobs



Avoid pollution  
through place-based  
strategies



Reduce  
energy costs



# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program



# EECBG Program Formula Grants Are Now Available!

Eligible state, local, and Tribal governments **can now apply for \$430M** in funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program!

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Eligible entities can use flexible EECBG Program funding for projects and programs that



Cut Carbon Emissions



Improve Energy Efficiency



Reduce Energy Use



States can apply for EECBG Program formula funding through **July 2023**.  
Local governments and Tribes can apply through **January 2024**.

# EECBG Program: Who is eligible?

## Formula Grants

### 774 Indian tribes:

Indian tribes, per section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act

- **574** federally recognized Indian tribes (as listed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the 2022 Federal Register Notice - 87 FR 4636 (Jan. 28, 2022))
  - **Six** additional Indian tribes (because eight bands of Indian tribes comprise two of the federally recognized Indian Tribes)
- **182** (currently active) Alaska Native Village Corporations
- **12** Alaska Native Regional Corporations

## Competitive Grants

### Indian tribes:

State-recognized Indian tribes

**+Consortia** of the above entities

\*Details still being determined

# EECBG Program Eligibility & Funding Distribution By Statute

**Total Appropriation: \$550M**

## Formula Grants:

**\$431.2M**

**2,708 eligible entities**

**98%**

of grant funds

## Competitive Grants:

**\$8.8M**

**Formula ineligible entities**

**2%**

of grant funds

**1,878 Local Govts.  
\$299.2M**

**68%**  
of grant funds

**774 Indian Tribes  
\$8.8M**

**2%**  
of grant funds

**56 States & Territories  
\$123.2M**  
States must pass through 60% to ineligible entities


**28%**  
of grant funds

**Local and Tribal Governments  
& Consortia NOT eligible for  
formula grants**  
(due to population size)

\*Distribution does not reflect \$110M set aside for DOE to deliver an effective and efficient program and to provide technical assistance to eligible entities before distributing remaining funds to eligible entities.

# Flexible Funding Allows Tribes to Choose From Diverse Activities

- ✓ Eligible activities range from strategy development to clean energy deployment
- ✓ Funds can be used community-wide; not just for government buildings and facilities
- ✓ Indian Tribes can fund clean energy *projects* or launch clean energy *programs*

1. Strategy Development
  2. Technical Consultant Services
  3. Building Energy Audits
  4. Financial Incentive Programs
  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 Tech. 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
  15. Any Other Appropriate Activity
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New activity  
added by IJJA



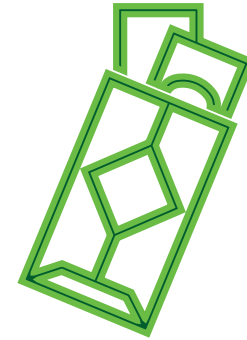
# Indian tribes can choose between formula grants and vouchers



## OPTION #1:

### Traditional Grant Disbursement

Tribal governments submit an EECBG Program Formula Application and receive their funds as a grant to utilize on an eligible activity of their choice



## OPTION #2:

### Vouchers

In lieu of a grant, Tribal governments can opt-in to a voucher, which covers either:

1. A suite of technical assistance services AND/OR
2. Equipment purchase and installation rebates

**This could be particularly beneficial for entities with limited staff resources or small award amounts, as there is a lighter administrative / reporting burden**

# Why Consider A Voucher Over a Grant?

*DOE recommends all eligible receiving <\$250K consider the voucher option*

- ✓ **Fewer start-up steps for Tribes that have not received Federal grants.** Tribes that have never managed a federal grant will not be required to establish many of the financial management systems, including accounting for federal funds, invoicing, and internal audits typically needed to comply with federal grant management requirements.
- ✓ **Significantly less administrative burden to manage over time.** Financial reporting requirements will be significantly less over the course of the EECBG Program than for grants.
- ✓ **Faster turnaround time to process application.** DOE can process voucher applications at least 30 days quicker than grants applications.
- ✓ **Expedited procurement process.** An internal process for purchasing clean energy equipment (e.g., solar panels) can cut down on local procurement challenges.

# Blueprints Can Expedite & Streamline Application Process



## Blueprints to guide strategy & action

*Step-by-step roadmaps to plan and execute a range of high-impact and evidence based clean energy projects and programs*

- Streamline the application and review and approval process
- Provide strategies for advancing Justice40 goals & designed with equity, jobs, and competitiveness baked in
- Built to unlock investment down the road
- Entities may choose to follow one or more blueprints
- DOE will provide topical resources (i.e., webinars, trainings, tools)

## Blueprint Topic Areas

1. Energy planning
2. Energy Efficiency (e.g., building audits and retrofits, building electrification campaigns, building performance standards)
3. Renewables (e.g., solar and battery storage, power purchasing agreements, solarize campaigns, renewable resource planning for communities)
4. Transportation: (e.g., electric vehicles [EV] for fleets, EV charging infrastructure for the community)
5. Unlocking Sustainable Financing Solutions for Energy Projects & Programs
6. Workforce Development

# Consider Teaming to Maximize Local & Regional Impact



**All eligible entities are encouraged to team up with neighboring or peer eligible governments**

- Teaming opportunities are flexible, dependent on local needs
- Each team must opt for either vouchers or grants
- Submit a single joint application to DOE, with one eligible EECBG Program entity as the Prime Applicant
- Entities on a team may choose to jointly fund activities, but each entity will receive its own EECBG Program grant or voucher
- Each entity will be ultimately responsible for accounting and tracking & reporting the use of their own funds and outcomes
- Teams may consist of any number of eligible entities (2 min.)

## Example Teaming Opportunities

- Create a regional clean energy infrastructure strategy plan
- Stand up an energy efficiency workforce training program serving several communities
- Create a low-interest regional financing program for income-qualified residential retrofits
- Pursue energy audits and retrofits of buildings across several communities and hire a shared energy manager to support projects across the communities

# EECBG Program Application Process and Timelines

Application Period	Application Submittal Timeframe	Application Types Accepted
1	Jan. 18, 2023 – Apr. 28, 2023	Tribal applications in one or more priority categories <i>(see column for more information)</i>
2	Jun. 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023	
3	Sept 1, 2023 – Oct 31, 2023	All Other Tribal applications
4	Dec. 1, 2023 – Jan 31, 2024	

## Why would an application be prioritized for review?

Teams, blueprints, projects focused on disadvantaged communities, strategy development, technical consulting, analysis & stakeholder engagement

## Application Processing Timeline:

- **Vouchers:** 30-60 days
- **Grants following blueprints:** Up to 60 days
- **Grants not following blueprints:** Minimum 90 days



# Topline Information about EECBG Program Application

## 1. Eligible entities can apply now!

- Application information is available on our [Formula Grant Application Hub](#)

## 2. Pre-Application Steps (required for eligible entities that select the **grant** option):

1. **Register in the System for Award Management (SAM)** at <https://www.sam.gov/> and obtain Unique Entity ID (UEI) which is assigned by SAM
2. **Register in FedConnect**, which will allow eligible entities to receive and acknowledge their award, at <https://www.fedconnect.net/>
3. **Complete [Pre-Award Information Sheet](#) and return it to [eecbg@hq.doe.gov](mailto:eecbg@hq.doe.gov)**, which will allow DOE to set up eligible entities in the Performance and Accountability for Grants in Energy (PAGE) System at <https://www.page.energy.gov/default.aspx>

## 3. Application deadlines:

- **All Applicants:** submit [Pre-Award Information Sheet](#) by **April 28, 2023**
- **Local and Tribal Governments:** submit application by **January 31, 2024**

# Key Information About EECBG Program

- Grant awards will consist of a Project and Budget Period **up to two years**. Tribes will have the option to apply for **cost-free extensions** upon approval by DOE Officer.
- There is no **cost-share agreement** to apply for this program.
- Up to **10 percent or \$75,000**, whichever is greater, may be used for **administrative expenses**, excluding the cost of meeting the reporting requirements
- All eligible entities are required to submit **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategies** as part of their applications (voucher or grant).

# Technical Assistance & Webinars for All

During application period, DOE will..  
Host webinars to support applicants

1. Voucher & Technical Assistance Deep Dive
2. Technical support to submit applications
3. Justice40
4. Learning from past EECBG Program experiences
5. Leveraging EECBG Program funding into more support
6. Support for EECS strategy development

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During implementation, DOE will...  
Provide technical assistance to support entities

- Blueprints as step-by-step instructions for shovel-ready ideas
- Tools
- Online resources
- Access to experts via collective learning sessions
- Webinars & Workshops
- Peer learning opportunities

*Tribes-specific webinar on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm EST!*

# The EECBG Program Team is Available To You



## **EECBG@hq.doe.gov email inbox**

- The EECBG Program team monitors the inbox daily
- Aims to return to all questions within a week's time
- A separate inbox, [community@hq.doe.gov](mailto:community@hq.doe.gov) can help with questions about the competitive grant



## **Pilot: Bi-Weekly Office Hours**

- The EECBG Program Team will pilot bi-weekly virtual office hours (Fridays @ 1pm ET)
- Format is subject to change based on interest & need

# 5 Most Important Things to Consider Before You Apply

1. **Check your eligibility and funding amount.** You can find that information on our Formula Grant Application Hub and how much funding you will receive Review the Administrative and Legal Requirements Document
2. **Decide if you want to pursue a grant or a voucher.** As a reminder, you can only do one or the other!
3. **Check that the project/program you would like to pursue is eligible.** You can see the list of eligible activities on our website!
4. **Take pre-application steps:**
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# Thank You.

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