



**SCEP**  
STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation  
Reduction Act Funding Opportunities

# States, Tribes, Territories, and Local Organizations are at the Forefront of the United States' Transition to a Clean Energy Economy

## Clean Energy Programs to Deliver Greater Benefits to States and Communities

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has launched the [Office of State and Community Energy Programs \(SCEP\)](#), to create new and more accessible pathways to federal funding and technical assistance partnerships for states, territories, tribes, and local communities. Programs led by SCEP will help communities nationwide significantly accelerate the deployment of clean, reliable energy technologies; create high-quality jobs; and help ensure that households and businesses see lower energy bills and other benefits.

## Funding Available to States, Tribes, Territories, and Community-Serving Organizations Across the Country

With \$16 billion of funding from annual appropriations, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and the Inflation Reduction

Act (IRA), DOE, through SCEP, is delivering programs to further empower states, tribes, territories, local governments, school districts, and nonprofits to catalyze local economic development, create good-paying jobs, and reduce energy costs for families and businesses.

## Community Benefits Planning

To support the goal of building a clean and equitable energy economy, Community Benefits Plans are required as a part of all BIL and IRA funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) demonstrating how their projects will support meaningful community and labor engagement; invest in America's workforce; advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; and contribute to the President's Justice40 initiative to ensure that 40% of the overall project benefits flow to historically disadvantaged communities. Learn more about Community Benefits Plans by visiting [www.energy.gov/clean-energy-infrastructure/about-community-benefits-plans](https://www.energy.gov/clean-energy-infrastructure/about-community-benefits-plans).



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## List of State and Community Energy Programs

SCEP is expanding existing foundational programs within the agency and adding newly funded programs to further critical state- and community-led efforts.

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### Home Efficiency Rebates Program

**Amounts:** \$4.3 billion

**Recipients:** States, territories, and the District of Columbia

**Purpose:** This new program provides formula grants to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to create programs that discount the price of for energy upgrade projects in U.S. households. These rebates will reduce the cost of home energy upgrades that are predicted to save at least 20% of home energy use. Higher discounts are available for projects in lower-income households and projects with higher predicted energy savings.

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### Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program

**Amounts and Recipients:** \$4.275 billion for states, territories and the District of Columbia, and \$225 million for tribes

**Purpose:** This new program provides formula grants that will allow states, territories, the District of Columbia, and tribes to create programs that discount the price of high-efficiency electric appliances and equipment in income-eligible households. These rebates may reduce the cost of electric upgrades, including ENERGY STAR® heat pumps, water heaters, electric stoves, clothes driers, ventilation, air sealing, insulation, and electric wiring. Higher discounts are available for projects in lower-income households and projects installing more eligible technologies.

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### Weatherization Assistance Program

**Amount:** \$3.5 billion

**Recipients:** States, territories, the District of Columbia, and tribes

**Purpose:** This foundational program provides formula grants to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons or to provide renewable energy systems or technologies to reduce expenditures and improve health and safety,



especially for low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with a high energy burden.

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### Technical Assistance for the Adoption of Building Energy Codes

**Amount:** \$1 billion

**Recipients:** States, territories, the District of Columbia, and local governments

**Purpose:** This new program provides competitive grants to states, territories, the District of Columbia, and local governments with authority to adopt building energy codes, to support the adoption, implementation, and enforcement of the latest model, zero energy codes, or equivalent codes and standards to transition the building stock to more efficient, decarbonized buildings for all. One-third of the funding is available for adopting latest model codes and two-thirds of funding is available for adoption of zero-energy codes.

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### Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program: Formula

**Amount:** \$550 million

**Recipients:** States, territories, the District of Columbia, local governments, and tribes

**Purpose:** The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program provides formula grants to states, territories, the District of Columbia, local governments and tribes to support the implementation of strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency.

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### Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program: Competitive

**Amount:** \$8.8 million

**Recipients:** Local governments and tribes not eligible to receive direct EECBG funding

**Purpose:** The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program will provide local governments, tribes, or community teams ineligible to receive direct EECBG funding with grants to support a wide variety of projects that lower energy costs, reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, and reduce overall energy use.

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### Renew America's Schools Program Grant

**Amount:** \$500 million

**Recipients:** Consortium of one local education agency and one or more schools, nonprofits, for-profits, and community partners

**Purpose:** This new program provides competitive grants to make energy efficiency, renewable energy, and alternative-fueled vehicle upgrades and improvements at public schools.

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## State Energy Program

**Amount:** \$500 million

**Recipients:** States, territories, and the District of Columbia

**Purpose:** This foundational program provides formula grants to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to enhance energy security, advance state-led energy initiatives, and increase energy affordability. SEP emphasizes the state and territorial role as the decision maker and administrator for program activities that are tailored to their unique resources, delivery capacity, and energy goals.

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## Renew America's Nonprofits Program

**Amount:** \$50 million

**Recipients:** Registered 501(c)(3) organizations (nonprofits)

**Purpose:** This new program provides competitive grants to nonprofits implementing high-impact energy improvements, which may include a product, equipment, or system whose installation results in a reduction in energy or fuel use by a nonprofit organization (e.g., lighting upgrades, roof replacement with insulation, HVAC upgrades, and window replacements).

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## Energy Auditor Training Grant Program

**Amount:** \$40 million

**Recipients:** States, territories, and the District of Columbia

**Purpose:** This new program provides competitive grants to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to cover any cost associated with individuals being trained or certified to conduct energy commercial and residential energy audits.

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## Building Training and Assessment Centers

**Amount:** \$10 million

**Recipients:** Institutions of higher education

**Purpose:** This new program provides competitive grants for building training and assessment centers that teach students and building professionals how to identify opportunities to improve energy and environmental performance in commercial and institutional buildings.

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## The Energy Champions Leading the Advancement of Sustainable Schools Prize (Energy CLASS Prize)

**Amount:** \$4.5 million of the \$500 million allocated to the Renew America's Schools Program

**Recipients:** Local education agencies

**Purpose:** This new competitive program supports local education agencies, helping establish and train energy managers to identify, plan, and implement efficiency and health upgrades in schools.

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## State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants

**Amount:** \$200 million

**Recipients:** States, territories, the District of Columbia, and tribes

**Purpose:** This new program provides grants to states, territories, the District of Columbia, and tribes to reduce training costs, provide testing and certification, and partner with nonprofit organizations on program development and implementation.

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## Career Skills Training

**Amount:** \$10 million

**Recipients:** Nonprofit partnerships with industry and labor organizations

**Purpose:** This new competitive program provides grants to pay the Federal share of career skills training programs under which students concurrently receive classroom instruction and on-the-job training to obtain an industry-related certification to install energy-efficient building technologies.



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