



SCEP
STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

Overview of SCEP Resources

Saving Energy and Money for American Homes, Communities, Businesses and Industries

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) make historic amounts of funding available to transform communities by lowering energy costs for consumers, reducing pollution, improving health, and creating new economic opportunities for communities—all while addressing historical inequities in our energy system.

Clean Energy Programs to Deliver Greater Benefits to States and Communities

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) 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, Tribal nations, and local communities. Programs led by SCEP empower communities nationwide to 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

Through the disbursement of formula grants, DOE extends the core capabilities of State Energy Offices and expands the weatherization provider network to assist low-income families with home energy retrofits. Competitive awards will further the innovation of states and local governments seeking to implement high-impact and self-sustaining clean energy projects.

Community Benefits Planning

To support the goal of building a clean and equitable energy economy, Community Benefits Plans are required as part of all BIL and IRA funding opportunity announcements. Plans are based on four core policy priorities: investing in America's workforce; engaging communities and labor; advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; and implementing 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.

Technical Assistance



www.energy.gov/SCEP

SCEP's State and Local Solution Center offers technical assistance resources in a one-stop shop to help stakeholders reach energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable transportation goals. Explore the popular tools and resources that offer targeted step-by-step instructions; opportunities for peer exchange; dialogue with experts; and best practices.



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IRA funded | BIL funded | Annual and BIL funded | Annual appropriations

Workforce Development Programs

State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants

Amount: \$150 million in formula grants and up to \$40 million in competitive grants

Recipients: States, territories, and the District of Columbia

Purpose: Provides grants to train, test, and certify residential energy contractors in partnership with nonprofit organizations.

Building Training and Assessment Centers

Amount: \$10 million in competitive grants

Recipients: Institutions of higher education

Purpose: Provide grants to establish building training and assessment centers that educate and train building technicians and engineers to deliver energy efficiency upgrades to businesses and institutional buildings.

Career Skills Training

Amount: \$10 million in competitive grants

Recipients: Nonprofit partnerships between industry and labor organizations

Purpose: 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.

Energy Auditor Training Grant Program

Amount: \$40 million in competitive grants

Recipients: States, territories, and the District of Columbia

Purpose: Provides grants to train individuals to conduct energy audits, or surveys, of commercial and residential buildings, and advise building owners on how to reduce energy usage that result in energy savings.

Home Energy Efficiency Upgrade Programs

Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program

Amount: \$4.3 billion in formula grants

Recipients: States and Tribal Nations

Purpose: Allows states and federally recognized Tribes to develop high-efficiency electric home rebate programs for lower income households. Eligible upgrades for these point-of-sale rebates include heat pumps, water heaters, electric stoves, clothes dryers, ventilation, air sealing, insulation, and electric wiring

Home Efficiency Rebates Program

Amount: \$4.275 billion in formula grants

Recipients: States

Purpose: Allows states to create rebate programs for energy-efficient residential retrofits. Funding for each individual or multifamily building retrofit is based on household income and the percentage of energy savings expected from upgrades, with the most funding available for lower-income households and retrofits that will reduce energy use by at least 35%.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Amount: \$3.5 billion in formula grants and \$125 million in technical assistance (BIL), \$299 million in formula grants and \$10 million in technical assistance (Annual), \$30 million Weatherization Readiness Fund (Annual)

Recipients: States, Tribes, and territories

Purpose: Increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential energy expenditures, and improve their health and safety—especially low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly, people with disabilities, and children. Through weatherization improvements and upgrades, these households save on average \$372 or more every year, according to a national evaluation of the program. Since their beginning in 1976, WAP has helped improve the lives of more than 7 million families through weatherization services.

WAP Enhancement and Innovation Grants

Amount: \$25 million in competitive grants (BIL) and \$19.5 million in competitive grants (Annual)

Recipients: States, Tribes, and territories

Purpose: Offers competitive funding and flexibility to allow for a broader range of innovative weatherization activities, including the installation of renewable energy technologies, electrification, more expansive health and safety measures, and comprehensive workforce development.

WAP Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC)

Amount: \$70 million in competitive grants (BIL) and \$6.5 million in competitive grants (Annual)

Recipients: WAP Grantees and Subgrantees

Purpose: SERC expands weatherization programs in materials, benefits, and renewable technologies. SERC technologies can be installed without meeting the regular saving to investment requirements. SERC awardees have been approved to install technologies such as solar panels, various heat pump technologies, cool roofs, air quality technologies, and electrification readiness activities.

Building Codes

Latest Model and Zero Energy Building Code Adoption

Amount: \$400 million in formula and \$530 million in competitive grants

Recipients: States, local governments, and Territories

Purpose: This program provides States, localities, and territories with the authority to adopt building energy codes and innovative building energy codes, such as building performance standards, to lead the way in decarbonizing the new and existing residential and commercial buildings. The potential impact from these innovations in building energy codes presents a nearly unprecedented opportunity to benefit all Americans through utility bill savings, more resilient and efficient buildings, support for the workforce, and reduce our contributions to the changing climate.



State, Local Governments, and Partnership Programs

State Energy Program (SEP)

Amount: \$500 million in formula grants and \$65 million in competitive grants.

Recipients: States, territories and the District of Columbia

Purpose: Provides funding and technical assistance to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to enhance energy security, advance state-led energy initiatives, and increase energy affordability.

Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Grant Program

Amount: \$250 million in formula grants

Recipients: States or designated agencies

Purpose: Provides capitalization grants to establish a revolving loan fund under which a state can provide loans and grants for energy efficiency audits, upgrades, and retrofits to increase energy efficiency and improve the comfort of buildings. As loans are repaid, the capital is then reloaned for another project. If defaults remain low, revolving loan funds can become “evergreen” sources of capital that are recycled to fund projects well into the future.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

Amount: \$550 million in formula grants and \$8.8 million in competitive grants

Recipients: States, local governments, Tribal Nations

Purpose: Invests in clean energy and energy efficiency projects in more than 2,700 communities across the country—reaching 250 million Americans. Recipients will deploy funds to develop and implement a wide range of clean energy plans and programs such as energy efficiency upgrades to public buildings, homes, and commercial businesses; on-site renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements to increase community resilience to natural disasters; and development of financing and incentive programs to address barriers to clean energy adoption funding.

Local Government Energy Program

Recipients: Local Government Energy Program

Amount: \$22 million

Recipients: Local governments and Tribal Nations, with a focus on energy communities, disadvantaged communities, and small to medium-sized jurisdictions.

Energy Futures Grants

Amount: \$27 million

Recipients: States, local governments and tribal government partners

Purpose: This is a permanent program to support place-based innovative policies, programs, and infrastructure investments by funding teams of government, business, and community

organizations to work to enhance energy affordability and access to clean energy benefits.

Communities Local Energy Action Program (LEAP)

Amount: \$18 million in technical assistance

Recipients: Multi-stakeholder teams including at least one local government and one community organization

Purpose: To facilitate sustained community-wide economic and environmental benefits clean energy deployment work. This opportunity is specifically open to low-income, energy-burdened communities that are also experiencing either direct environmental justice impacts or direct economic impacts from a shift away from historical reliance on fossil fuels.

School and Nonprofit Programs

Renew America’s Schools

Amount: \$500 million in competitive grants

Recipients: Consortium of one Local Education Agency and one or more schools, nonprofits, for-profits, and community partners

Purpose: Provides competitive grants to make energy efficiency, renewable energy, and alternative fueled vehicle upgrades and improvements at K-12 public schools. These first-of-their-kind investments will position school districts to make upgrades that will lower facilities’ energy costs and foster healthier learning environments for students.

Renew America’s Nonprofits

Amount: \$45 million in formula grants in competitive grants

Recipients: Prime recipients are 501(c)(3) organizations that will build a portfolio of subrecipients and provide technical assistance to them.

Purpose: Provides competitive grants that aim to reduce carbon emissions, improve health and safety, and lower utility costs at buildings owned and operated by 501(c)(3) nonprofits, allowing critical funds to be redirected to mission-focused work.

Annual amounts are based on FY23.

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