



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE
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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

ELIGIBILITY: STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

REQUIRED BY ALL APPLICANTS: Pre-Application Information Checklist Due July 31, 2023.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP), the [EECBG Program](#) is designed to assist states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency. Resources for more information can be found below.

Local governments and Tribes can apply through January 31, 2024 to submit their full application.

Funding Allocations

Most funds will be available through formula grants. In Indiana, \$4,961,640 has been allocated to individual eligible local governments; those eligible localities are listed below. (The State of Indiana has also been allocated \$2,448,930.) For localities not listed as eligible, a competitive grant process (total national funds available equal \$8.8M) is available.

Eligible Grant Activities

Local governments or tribes can use funds to fund community-wide clean energy *projects* or launch community clean energy *programs*.

- Strategy development
- Technical consultant services
- Building energy audits
- Financial incentive programs
- Energy efficiency retrofits
- Energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities
- Development and implementation of transportation programs
- Building codes and inspection services
- Energy-efficient distribution technologies
- Material conservation programs
- Reduction and capture of methane and greenhouse gases
- Traffic signals and street lighting
- Renewable energy technologies on government buildings
- Programs for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure) measures

Local and tribal governments can choose between grants OR vouchers

Option #1: Formula Grant

Eligible local governments and tribes can apply for, and directly receive an EECBG formula grant. Choose from any of the eligible grant activities. Awarded applicants are then responsible for award administration, including financial management, compliance, and reporting to DOE. Grants following EECBG blueprints will be processed faster (up to 60 days).

Option #2: Vouchers

In lieu of a formula grant, eligible local governments and tribes can opt-in to receive EECBG formula funds through a voucher. The voucher will cover (a) a suite of technical assistance services and/or (b) equipment rebates. Voucher awards will be processed slightly faster than formula grant awards (30-60 days). States are not eligible for vouchers.

Maximize EECBG Funds

- **Dream big:** Use these funds to achieve your “If only, someday!” goals, for something you haven’t already budgeted for.
- **Follow the data** in order to tackle the highest impact areas for your community. Use the Energy Planning Blueprint. (More information at the DOE website.)
- Consider EECBG funds as **seed funding** for a pilot project or program. What other funds/sources/investors could you access further down your timeline?
- **Leverage** available DOE technical assistance—Blueprint planning documents, webinars, virtual application bootcamps.
- **Access, diversity, justice, equity, and inclusion** are crucial. Think critically about how you will use funds to uplift historically disadvantaged places and people and foster community-wide economic development.

Formula Allocations for Eligible Indiana Local Governments

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|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Hancock (County) | \$77,620 | Bloomington | \$141,730 |
| Greenwood | \$122,730 | Muncie | \$127,260 |
| Hendricks (County) | \$80,860 | Carmel | \$153,650 |
| Hammond | \$133,260 | New Albany | \$76,360 |
| Johnson (County) | \$78,180 | Columbus | \$117,430 |
| Indianapolis | \$787,040 | Noblesville | \$125,610 |
| Kosciusko (County) | \$77,790 | Elkhart | \$121,080 |
| Jeffersonville | \$76,770 | Portage | \$76,280 |
| Lake (County) | \$307,890 | Evansville | \$172,120 |
| Kokomo | \$122,580 | Richmond | \$76,330 |
| LaPorte (County) | \$78,820 | Fishers | \$146,540 |
| Lafayette | \$134,590 | South Bend | \$157,480 |
| Porter (County) | \$79,580 | Fort Wayne | \$281,950 |
| Lawrence | \$76,690 | Terre Haute | \$123,690 |
| St. Joseph (County) | \$78,920 | Gary | \$129,280 |
| Merrillville | \$76,300 | W. Lafayette | \$76,750 |
| Anderson | \$117,520 | Westfield | \$76,500 |
| Mishawaka | \$115,070 | | |

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