



EECBG Funding Opportunity Announcement Overview

Purpose

The purpose is to assist eligible entities in creating and implementing strategies to:

- reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and, to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;
- reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities;
- improve energy efficiency in the building sector, the transportation sector, and other appropriate sectors.

Appropriation

Total: \$3.2 billion

\$2.8 billion as authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

- 28% to states (60% to local governments)
- 68% to local governments
- 2% to Indian tribes
- 2% in competitive grants

\$400 million in competitive grants

Eligibility – Formula Grants

Cities – Population 35,000+ or one of top ten in state

Counties – Population 200,000+ or one of top ten in state

All federally recognized tribes

Eligibility – Competitive Grants

- \$400 million for all states, cities, counties, tribes
- \$56 million for cities, counties and tribes ineligible for direct formula grants

Competitive grants will promote market transformation, innovation, and leveraging.

Core Principles

- Prioritize energy efficiency and conservation first as the cheapest, cleanest, and fastest ways to meet energy demand.
- To maximize benefits over the longest possible terms, entities should look for ways to link their energy efficiency efforts to long-term priorities (especially community economic development, community stabilization and poverty reduction efforts).
- Invest funds in programs and projects that create and/or retain jobs and stimulate the economy while meeting long term energy goals.
- Target programs and projects that will provide substantial, sustainable and measurable energy savings, job creation and economic stimulus effects.

Core Principles

- Give priority to programs and projects that leverage federal funds with other public and private resources, including coordinated efforts involving other Federal programs targeting community development funded through the Recovery Act such as the Community Development Block Grant program, HOME, and job training programs.
- To the extent possible, develop programs and strategies that will continue beyond the funding period.
- Ensure oversight, transparency, and accountability for all program activities.
- Enact policies that transform markets, increase investments, and support program goals.
- Develop comprehensive plans that benchmark current performance and set aggressive goals.

Funding

EECBG FUNDING

All funds must be obligated/committed within 18 months of the effective date of the award and expended within 36 months of the effective date of the award

Funds Disbursement

Awards up to \$250,000 – 100% of allocation will be obligated at time of award. No EECS is required prior to award, but the EECS must be submitted within 120 days.

Awards above \$250,000 but less than \$2M – applicants may receive up to \$250,000 for development of the EECS and approved activities. If not submitted with the application, the EECS is required within 120 days of the effective date of the award. The balance of the allocation will be obligated upon DOE approval of the recipient's EECS.

Awards above \$2M – applicants may receive up to \$250,000 at award for development of an EECS and approved activities, or 50% of the total allocation if an acceptable EECS has been submitted with the application and has been approved by DOE. The balance of funding will be obligated after one or more progress reviews in which the recipient must demonstrate that it has obligated funds appropriately, complied with reporting requirements and created jobs.

Preparation/Submittal

Application Preparation and Submission

Applicants must download the application package, application forms and instructions from Grants.gov.

Applicants must submit their application through the FedConnect portal. FedConnect website: www.fedconnect.net

Preparation/Submittal

There is a three step registration process.

Step 1: Request a DUNS number at;
http://www.dnb.com/us/duns_update/

Step 2: Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at;
<http://www.ccr.gov/>

Step 3: E-Business Point of Contact must register in FedConnect
at;
<https://www.fedconnect.net/Fedconnect/>

If you are not registered, it is suggested that you start as soon as possible and allow at least 10 days for completion.