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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

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## Secretary Chu on the Block Grants



“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level. The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

- Secretary Steve Chu



## Recovery Act Funding Overview

- EERE - \$16.8 billion
  - 10-Fold Increase in Budget
- Weatherization & Intergovernmental - \$11.6 B
  - Steward of 70% of EERE Recovery Act Funds
  - Significant investment in State and Local Govt's
    - Weatherization Assistance \$ 5.0 B
    - State Energy Program \$ 3.1 B
    - **EECBG Program Formula \$ 2.8 B**
    - **EECBG Program Competitive \$ 400 M**
    - Appliance Rebate Program \$ 300 M



## Program Purpose

- To spur economic growth and create/retain jobs
- To assist state, local, and tribal governments in implementing strategies to:
  1. reduce fossil fuel emissions;
  2. reduce total energy use;
  3. improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors.





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# Objectives

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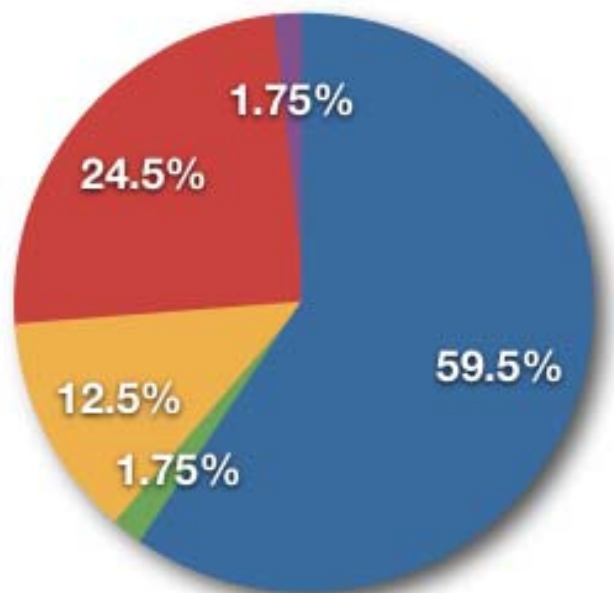
- Spur economic growth and create jobs
- Transparency & accountability

## WIP Objectives

- Save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Invest funds for economic stimulus effect now **and** to meet long-term energy goals
- Create comprehensive energy strategies that benchmark current performance and set goals
- Develop programs and projects that will persist beyond grant period
- Leverage funds with public and private sources
- Coordinate at regional levels



# Appropriations: Total \$3.2 billion



- cities and counties
- large competitive
- small competitive
- Indian tribes
- states

\$1,863,880,000 Local government formula grants from DOE

\$767,480,000 State formula grants

\$54,820,000 Tribal formula grants

\$54,820,000 Competitive grants to cities, counties, and Indian tribes ineligible for direct formula grants from DOE

\$398,000,000 Competitive grants

\$45,000,000 DOE to provide technical assistance to grantees



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# Funding Opportunity Announcement

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



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National Energy Technology Laboratory

Recovery Act – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants  
– Formula Grants

Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000013

Announcement Type: INITIAL

CFDA Number: 81.128 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant  
Program (EECBG)

Issue Date: March 26, 2009

Application Due Date: *For State Applicants Only:* May 26, 2009  
at 8:00:00 PM Eastern Time  
*Applicants are encouraged to submit their  
applications well before the due date.*

*For Units of Local Government and Tribal  
Applicants Only:* June 25, 2009 at 8:00:00  
PM Eastern Time. *Applicants are encouraged  
to submit their applications well before this  
due date.*

[www.eecbg.energy.gov](http://www.eecbg.energy.gov)



## City Eligibility

Population	Eligible For
Population 35,000+ or one of top ten highest population cities in the state	Direct formula grants from DOE
Population under 35,000	Funding from State Energy Office  Competitive funds from DOE

DOE uses most recent and accurate U.S. Census Bureau data to determine populations - the 2007 Population Estimate to the 2000 Decennial Census

Formula based on 2 weighted factors: population (70%) and daytime population (30%)



## Cities – Where to Apply

- Cities eligible for direct formula grants from DOE apply through FedConnect: [www.fedconnect.net](http://www.fedconnect.net)
- Cities ineligible for direct formula grants from DOE should contact their State Energy Office for details on the state's subgrant process.
- To locate a State Energy Office: [www.naseo.org](http://www.naseo.org)



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## Eligible Uses of Funds

- Primarily for energy efficiency and energy conservation
  - Community-wide; not just municipal buildings and facilities
  - Don't have to do capital *projects*, can do *programs*
  - Prioritize activities that pay dividends year after year
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1. Strategy Development
  2. Building Energy Audits & Retrofits
  3. Financial Incentive Programs
  4. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities
  5. Development and Implementation of Transportation Programs
  6. Building Codes and Enforcement
  7. Energy Distribution Technologies for EE including CHP & district heating and cooling
  8. Material Conservation Programs including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs
  9. Reduction and Capture of Methane and Greenhouse Gases
  10. Traffic Signals and Street Lighting
  11. Renewable Energy Technologies on Government Buildings
  12. Any Other Appropriate Activity



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## Reporting and Measuring Success

- Outcome metrics:
  - Jobs created and/or retained
  - Energy saved
  - Renewable energy capacity
  - GHG emissions reduced
  - Funds leveraged
- Web-based reporting system under development
- Individual output metrics based on activity type



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## Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategies (EECS)

- Attachment D of Funding Opportunity Announcement
- Strategies must include:
  - Summary of Measurable Goals and Objectives
  - Describe how funds will help you achieve goals and objectives
  - Adjacent units of local governments receiving funds
  - Sharing information and coordinating with the State
  - Sustained benefits beyond funding period
  - Strategy for fraud, waste, and abuse
- Two options for submission:
  1. Submit at time of application using Attachment D
  2. Submit within 120 days of application if you need time to plan



## Staged Disbursement of Funds

Award Range	Amount Obligated	Requirements
\$0 to \$250K	100% of allocation will be disbursed at time of award.	No EECS is required prior to award, but EECS must be submitted within 120 days of the effective date of the award.
\$250K to \$2 million	Applicants may receive up to \$250K for development of the EECS and approved activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If the EECS is not submitted with the application, it's required within 120 days of the effective date of the award</li><li>• The balance of the allocation will be obligated upon DOE's approval of the recipient's EECS.</li></ul>
Over \$2 million	Applicants may receive up to \$250K at time of award for development of the 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.



## Applications Accepted Now

- **For Units of Local Government and Tribal Applicants Only:** Deadline is June 25, 2009  
8:00:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time
- For complete application information and program guidance, read the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). To obtain the FOA follow instructions at:  
<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov>



## Register and Apply to Receive Funds

- Only 13% of direct formula grantees are currently registered!
- You ***must register and apply*** to receive direct formula funds
- For more information on registering for funds:
  - Step 1: Go to [www.eecbg.energy.gov](http://www.eecbg.energy.gov)
  - Step 2: Download the Funding Opportunity Announcement
  - Step 3: Follow registration instructions on page 2
- **Register Now!**



## Questions?

Several ways to submit questions:

- Send your question in an email to [EECBG@NETL.DOE.GOV](mailto:EECBG@NETL.DOE.GOV)
- Submit your question through FedConnect (must be registered)
- Call the EERE Information Clearinghouse at 1-877-EERE-INFO (1-877-337-3463) or use web submission form, which can be accessed from [www.eecbg.energy.gov](http://www.eecbg.energy.gov)



## Next Steps

- Allocation formula and amounts for eligible entities published in *Federal Register*
- Formula grants awarded
- Competitive grants announced
- Expand DOE Resources for Technical Assistance
- Stay tuned to website for program announcements:

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip>



## For More Information

- Department of Energy Recovery Act Site  
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery>
- EECBG Program Page  
<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>
- EECBG Application Portal  
<https://www.fedconnect.net>
- Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs  
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip/>

THANK YOU