

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

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Overview of ARRA

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

FUNDING

- \$16.8 Billion is allocated for the EERE Program
 - \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
 - \$398 million will be competitive grants
 - \$61 million for “technical assistance to grantees and admin costs”
 - Remainder in formula grants
 - Over \$2.7 billion currently available to states, local governments And Indian Tribes
 - \$3.1 billion for State Energy Program
 - \$5 billion for Weatherization Assistance Program

Cities > 35K population and Counties > 200K (net) receive direct grants



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)



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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program



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Quick Links to Programs

- Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program
- State Energy Program
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Tribal Energy Program
- Renewable Energy Production Incentive

Over \$2.7 billion in formula grants are now available to U.S. states, territories, local governments and Indian tribes under the **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program**. To see a list of entities eligible for formula grants and allocation amounts, [click here](#). To download a copy of the Funding Opportunity Announcement, which contains complete information for grantees on the Program and application process, [click here \(PDF 1.9 MB\)](#). [Download Adobe Reader](#).

For detailed instructions on registering in FedConnect, viewing questions and answers submitted through FedConnect, and downloading the Funding Opportunity Announcement from FedConnect, [click here \(PDF 18 KB\)](#). [Download Adobe Reader](#).

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The Program was authorized in Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), and signed into Public Law (PL 110-140) on December 19, 2007. The Program provides federal grants to units of local government, Indian tribes, states, and territories to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. The EECBG Program is administered by the Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy of the **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)**.

Frequently asked questions and answers are below. If you have additional questions regarding the EECBG program, please contact the EERE Information Center via toll-free phone at 1-877-EERE-INFO (1-877-337-3463) or by submitting questions via the web [submission form](#). The EERE Information Center is open Monday - Friday 9AM to 7PM Eastern Standard Time.

You may also subscribe to [EERE's Progress Alerts](#) for updates to the Block Grant Program.

Read more at [Recovery.gov](#) and at the [The White House Agenda: Energy and the Environment](#).

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NEWS

Obama Administration Announces \$3.2 Billion in Funding for Energy Efficiency Improvement
 March 26, 2009

DOE to Invest \$8 Billion in Weatherization and State Grants
 March 12, 2009

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FEATURES

 **State and Local Grant Allocation Page**

 **Tribal Grant Allocation Page**

 **EERE Recovery Act Activities**

 **Funding Opportunity Announcement (PDF 1.9 MB)**

<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/#lg>



How Should EECBG Funds Be Used?

Prime focus is for energy efficiency with some renewable energy investment portion

“EECBG program funds will have maximum impact if invested in ways that create and/or retain jobs and stimulate the economy in the short term while laying the foundation for a long-term and sustainable clean energy economy.”

- Leverage other public and private resources
- Enhance workforce development
- Persist beyond the funding period
- Promote market transformation



EECBG Eligible Projects

- Wide variety of projects are eligible
 - Energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings/facilities
 - Consulting services for development of EE strategy
 - Residential and commercial building audits
 - Financial incentive programs
 - Transportation programs that save energy
 - Building codes and inspections to promote energy efficiency
 - Energy efficient traffic signals and street lighting
 - And more

- Grantees will be required to report regularly to DOE on 5 metrics
 - Jobs created and/or retained
 - Energy savings on a per dollar invested basis
 - Renewable energy capacity installed
 - Greenhouse gas emissions reduced
 - Funds leveraged



BOC and EECBG Funds

- BOC is an investment in public sector workforce development
- BOC leverages the investment of utility and state sponsors in the development and implementation of the training and credentialing program
- BOC is a proven method for implementing energy savings actions in institutional buildings and having those savings persist over time
- BOC is a market transformation program with a recognized credential by US DOE Federal Energy Management Program and ENERGY STAR®



Integrating BOC in the EECBG Application

- EECBG application deadline June 25, 2009
- Who is on point for your community's application?
- Make the case for BOC – use the model application language we developed
- Assess the size of the request – how many operations staff do you want to send
- Budget the request to cover BOC tuition and employer cost for time away

Model application language for BOC:
www.theBOC.info



Q&A

*What are your questions?
How can we help?*

Helpful Links

www.recovery.gov

www.eere.energy.gov/recovery

www.eecbg.energy.gov/#lg

www.ase.org (This site contains a complete matrix of ARRA energy funding opportunities)

