

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program



The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program provides formula grant allocations to state, local, and Tribal governments to fund activities that **reduce fossil fuel emissions, improve energy efficiency, and reduce total energy use.**



Important Deadlines

Grant & Voucher Application Deadline for Local Governments April 30, 2024

Grant & Voucher Application Deadline for Tribes May 31, 2025

Join our team for Office Hours!

The EECBG Program Team offers **Office Hours** for program eligible communities. Take advantage of this opportunity to connect directly with DOE and ask questions about the EECBG Program! Sign up on the EECBG Program website.



Have you considered a voucher?

DOE knows that traditional grant applications can feel burdensome. We developed an alternative option!

1. A rebate to purchase and install equipment **AND/OR**
2. A voucher for technical assistance services

This could be particularly beneficial for entities with limited staff resources or small award amounts

Why choose a voucher?

- ✓ Simplified application process
- ✓ Fewer start-up steps
- ✓ Faster turnaround time to process application
- ✓ Significantly less administrative burden over time
- ✓ Direct support from technical experts & streamlined path for equipment purchases

DOE recently launched the **Vouchers Application Portal & Handbook Guide!**

Find it on our website!

EECBG Program Eligible Uses of Funds

1. Develop an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS)
2. Technical consultant services to develop EECS
3. Residential & commercial building audits
4. Establish financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements
5. Provide grants to nonprofit organizations for energy efficiency retrofits
6. Develop or implement programs to conserve energy used in transportation
7. Develop or implement building codes and inspection services
8. Implement energy distribution technologies
9. Develop public education programs to increase participation and efficiency rates for recycling programs
10. Purchase or implement technologies that reduce and capture methane or other greenhouse gases generated by landfills
11. Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies
12. Implement or install in any government building on-site renewable energy technology (solar, wind, fuel cells, biomass)
13. Electric vehicle fleets or charging infrastructure
14. Programs for Financing, Purchasing, and Installing Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Zero-Emission Transportation (and associated infrastructure) Measures



Scan the QR Code to check out our website!

We're here to help!

DOE is excited to offer technical assistance to EECBG Program applicants so that all communities have the support they need to make ECBG Program activities successful.

What is Technical Assistance (TA)?

TA refers to free support that EECBG Program eligible entities can receive from DOE. This may include:

- Technical Analysis
- Financial Analysis
- Program Assistance
- Policy and Planning Assistance
- Capacity Building
- Stakeholder Engagement

What other TA opportunities are available?

- Upgrading building codes? Access TA support through the **Building Energy Codes Program**.
- Want expert input on critical decisions? Sign up for **Clean Energy to Communities**.
- And **MORE** available on our EECBG Program Technical Assistance webpage.

Interested in Teaming?

Local governments can **team up with one another to pool their funds** and streamline the application process. Only one application per team is needed.

Need help developing an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy?

All EECBG Program applicants can request up to 10-20 hours of support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to help develop their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS), which is a required application element. To sign up, reach out to EECS_TA@nrel.gov.



EECBG Program Blueprints

The EECBG Program Blueprints are model projects and programs (with step-by-step instructions) designed to help local and tribal governments achieve high impact results with limited grant dollars.



- Unlock more **technical assistance** from DOE.
- Join a **blueprint cohort** to learn from best practices, troubleshoot in company.
- **Topics include:** building electrification, financing and tax credits, EVs, and more!

Need help with your application?

Connect with us directly!

DOE is committed to providing the **support you need to complete your application** – whether voucher or traditional grant. Write to our inbox (eecbg@hq.doe.gov) to be connected with 1:1 support or join our bi-weekly Office Hours.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about EECBG Program Application Steps and details for how to get Technical Assistance from DOE. Still have questions? Reach out to our team at EECBG@hq.doe.gov.

