



**\*\* PROGRAM ALERT \*\***

## **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants**

### **Funding Allocations, Program Guidance, and Application Package Now Available**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today released detailed guidance for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$3.2 billion in FY2009 for these grants. Eligible local governments, Indian tribes, states and U.S. territories may use grant funds to:

- Spur economic growth
- Decrease total energy consumption
- Create and/or retain jobs
- Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy-consuming sectors

### **Documents Released Today**

#### *Funding Allocation Tables*

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

#### *Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) including Programmatic Guidance*

A copy of the Funding Opportunity Announcement can be obtained from FedConnect (<https://www.fedconnect.net>) by searching under Reference Number DE-FOA-0000013. To learn more about FedConnect, read

[https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect\\_Ready\\_Set\\_Go.pdf](https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf)

#### *Application Package*

Application forms and instructions are available at Grants.gov. To access these materials, go to <http://www.grants.gov>, select "Apply for Grants," and then select "Download Application Package." Enter the CFDA number or the funding opportunity number located on the cover of the Funding Opportunity Announcement, and then follow the prompts to save the application package. To learn more about the application process, please see Part IV of the Funding Opportunity Announcement.

#### *Frequently Asked Questions*

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

*Press Release*

<http://www.energy.gov/news2009/6895.htm>

### **Who Is Eligible To Receive Funding?**

The official list of entities eligible for direct formula grants under the EECBG Program has been attached as an appendix to the Funding Opportunity Announcement. Eligible entities are also listed on the Funding Allocation Tables <http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip/>.

Cities and counties ineligible for direct formula grants from DOE may apply for funding through their states. All states and U.S. territories will receive direct funds.

### **Application Procedure**

For those eligible for direct formula grants from DOE, applications may be downloaded from Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) and must be submitted through FedConnect (<https://www.fedconnect.net>). For more on the application process, please see the EECBG Funding Opportunity Announcement, described above under “Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) including Programmatic Guidance.”

Those ineligible for direct grants, should contact their State Energy Office for more information on applying for funds through their states <http://www.naseo.org/>

### **Submission Dates and Times for Direct Formula Grants**

Applications may be submitted at any time before the specified due date and time. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications well before the due date if possible.

*States:* The application due date is May 26, 2009, at 8:00:00 PM Eastern Time.

*Units of Local Government and Indian Tribes:* The application due date is June 25, 2009, at 8:00:00 PM Eastern Time.

### **Coming Soon**

- Federal Register notice publishing EECBG Funding Allocation Formulas
- Technical Assistance Resources

Thank you,

Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program

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

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