

Energy Future Grants (EFG)

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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Agency: Department of Energy (DOE)	Bureau: Office of State and Community Energy Programs
Application Deadline: September 30, 2023	Max Award: \$500,000

Description

The Energy Future Grants (EFG) program is a two-phase competition that will provide financial and technical assistance to support innovative clean energy planning to benefit disadvantaged communities. In the first program phase, EFG will provide approximately 50 awards of \$500,000. Successful Phase 1 applicants will be eligible to apply for Phase 2.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible prime applicants:

- States and Territories
- Local governmental entities
- Tribal nations

**DOE recommends that applications include at least 3-4 governmental partners.*

Eligible subrecipients:

- Non-profit entities including CBOs
- Institutions of higher education
- Local or regional planning organizations
- Utilities
- For-profit entities

Eligible Projects

This grant will support local, state, and Tribal governments in developing and implementing plans across three topic areas. Applicants are encouraged to think across sectoral silos and propose multi-sectoral ideas to improve energy affordability and access.

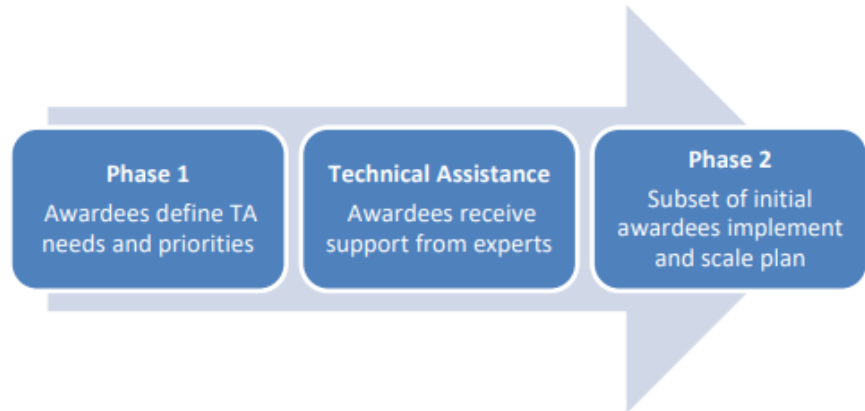
- **Topic Area 1 - Transportation:** Planning approaches to reduce energy intensity or GHG emissions from the transportation sector. Teams should consider including US DOE Clean Cities Coalitions as partners.
- **Topic Area 2 - Power Sector:** Scalable innovations in the power sector that support economic, health, and job benefits in disadvantaged communities. Teams should consider utilities or regulatory agencies as partners.

Eligible Projects

- Topic Area 3 - Buildings: Innovative strategies for creating net zero commercial and residential buildings. Teams should consider experts in affordable housing or building performance as partners.
- Strategic or Cross-Cutting Projects: Applicants are not limited to a single topic area. Applicants may propose innovative ideas across the topics above.

Program Structure

EFG is a two-phase funding opportunity. DOE is currently soliciting applications for Phase 1.



- Phase 1 applicants will receive \$500,000 for a 12-18 month period for planning and outreach activities.
- Phase 2 will be restricted to Phase 1 awardees. DOE anticipates that approximately 10 teams will receive \$1 million for work needed to make plans deployment ready.

Matching Grant Requirements

No matching funds are required. Cost share is encouraged to maximize impact, but the inclusion of cost share will not impact review scores.

New or Existing Program

New

Tips for Being Competitive

All applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Criterion 1 - Opportunity for Innovation and Impact: Evaluation of the merit, innovation, and impact of proposed projects.
- Criterion 2 - Project Implementation and Workplan: Evaluation of the project approach and workplan, with a clearly defined project baseline, metrics, and deliverables.
- Criterion 3 - Partner Team and Resources: Evaluation of the political or institutional support that the team lead has secured.
- Criterion 4 - Community Benefits Plan (Job Quality and Equity): Evaluation of the overall approach of the CBP; community and labor engagement; job quality and workforce continuity; diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; and Justice40 Initiative.

Labor Requirements Applications must include a Community Benefits Plan that outlines how the project will (1) support community and labor engagement, (2) invest in the American workforce, (3) promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and (4) contribute to the goals of the Justice40 Initiative.

Partners Required DOE strongly encourages teaming arrangements with at least 3-4 jurisdictions and cross-sector partners. DOE is compiling a Teaming Partner list, which allows organizations with expertise in project topics to express their interest to potential applicants and to explore potential partnerships. To be included in the list, send an email to Energyfuturegrants@hq.doe.gov with the subject line “Creating a Community-Led Energy Future” with the following information: Organization name, generic organization contact email, generic contact phone, organization type, geographical area of interest, area of technical expertise (bulleted list less than 25 words), and brief description of capabilities (less than 100 words).

Agency Contact Energyfuturegrants@hq.doe.gov

Upcoming Events DOE hosted two informational webinars on this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). Webinar recordings and presentation slides are available [here](#).

Anticipated Award Date November 30, 2023

Total Allocation \$27 million

How To Apply

- Obtain a control number that must be included in the header of each application page. A control number will be issued when an applicant begins the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange application process.
- Submit application to the [DOE Clean Energy Infrastructure eXCHANGE](#) by September 30, 2023 at 5:00pm ET.

Resources

- [Energy Future Grants Program Page - DOE](#)
- [Grant Opportunity - Clean Energy Infrastructure eXCHANGE](#)