

Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI)

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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| Agency: US Department of Energy | Bureau: Building Technologies Office |
| Application Deadline: Concept Paper due April 5, 2024; Full Application due June 6, 2024 | Max Award: \$10 million |

Description

Funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the US Department of Energy released the second round of the Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI) program. RECI is aimed at advancing building codes, supporting their implementation, and promoting energy efficiency, resilience, and environmental justice.

Eligible Recipients

- State agency
- Tribal government
- Partnerships between a state agency or Tribal government and one or more of the following entity types:
 - Local building code agencies
 - Codes and standards developers
 - Associations of builders and design and construction professionals
 - Local and utility energy efficiency programs
 - Consumer, energy efficiency, and environmental advocates

Eligible Projects

The goal of the RECI program is to enable sustained cost-effective implementation of updated building energy codes.

Eligible Activities:

- Create or enable State, Tribal or regional partnerships to provide training and materials to:
 - Builders, contractors and subcontractors, architects, and other design and construction professionals, relating to meeting updated building energy codes in a cost-effective manner
 - Building code officials, relating to improving implementation and compliance with building energy codes
- Collect and disseminate quantitative data on construction and codes implementation, including pathways, performance metrics, and technologies used
- Develop and implement a plan for highly effective codes implementation, including measuring compliance

- Address various implementation needs in rural, suburban, and urban areas
- Implement updates in energy codes for:
 - New residential and commercial buildings (including multifamily buildings)
 - Additions and alterations to existing residential and commercial buildings (including multifamily buildings)

Key Areas of Interest:

- State and Local Code Adoption
- High Impact States and Local Jurisdictions
- Rural Communities
- Tribal Governments
- Workforce Development
- Implementation and Compliance
- Innovative Approaches
- Utility Data and Partnerships
- Energy, Equity, and Environmental Justice
- Partnerships

Matching Grant Requirements

None required

New or Existing Program

Existing

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

University of Cincinnati received a \$2.9 million grant to develop a new, cost-optimal methodology to support the design and implementation of equitable building performance standard in Ohio's large cities.

Tips for Being Competitive

Applicants are required to submit a Community Benefits Plan that addresses four main objectives: (1) support meaningful community and labor engagement; (2) invest in America's workforce; (3) advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA); and (4) contribute to the President's goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities (the Justice40 Initiative). Applicants are encouraged to submit community and stakeholder partnership documentation from established stakeholder and community-based organizations that demonstrate the applicant's ability to achieve the goals of the Community Benefits Plan.

Labor Requirements Within the Community Benefits Plan, applicants should provide details on how to ensure the delivery of measurable community and jobs benefits through meaningful participation and engagement with disadvantaged communities, underrepresented stakeholder groups, and State coalitions. Applicants must also comply with the Davis-Bacon Act Requirements to provide prevailing wage to all laborers and mechanics.

Partnership Requirements Though partnerships are not required, DOE highly encourages partnerships for this application. Partners may include State or local building departments, builders, contractors, architects, engineers, other design and construction professionals, academia, research, trade organizations, consumer advocates, regional or community energy efficiency organizations, labor unions, apprenticeship programs, and other stakeholders who play an important role supporting the successful adoption and implementation of building codes. DOE also encourages applicants to participate in meaningful engagement and participation of workforce organizations, including labor unions, as well as disadvantaged communities, including Indian Tribes.

To support the creation of teams, DOE created a Teaming Partner List where organizations that may wish to participate on a project to express their interest to other applicants and explore potential partnerships. Instructions on how to join the Teaming Partner List are available on pg. 34 of the FOA.

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Total Allocation \$90 million

Anticipated Award Date July 31, 2024

Resources

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