

# Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant

## THE EECBG BASICS

### 1. What is the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program?

The [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program](#) (EECBG) provides grants to U.S. local governments, states, territories, and Indian tribes, to fund projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and that improve in energy efficiency.

The EECBG Program represents a Presidential priority to deploy the cheapest, cleanest, and fastest energy source energy efficiency. EECBG was authorized in Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), signed into law on December 19, 2007. It is modeled after the [Community Development Block Grant Program](#) administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### 2. What is the purpose of the Program?

Section 542 of Title V, Subtitle E of EISA (PL 110-140) describes the Program purpose as the following:

- (b) PURPOSE - The purpose of the program shall be to assist eligible entities in implementing strategies -
1. to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities in a manner that -
    - A. is environmentally sustainable; and
    - B. to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;
  2. to reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities; and
  3. to improve energy efficiency in -
    - A. the transportation sector;
    - B. the building sector; and
    - C. other appropriate sectors.

Additional purposes of the EECBG Program are to spur economic growth and create and/or retain jobs under the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#).

### 3. What are the Federal funding allocations and how will they be distributed?

Congress appropriated \$3.2 billion for the EECBG Program, most of which (nearly \$2.7 billion) will be distributed through formula grants. The balance includes approximately \$455 million for competitive grants, which will be awarded through a separate **Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)** coming soon.

Allocations to entities eligible for direct formula grants from the DOE are based on the following **approximate** funding amounts:

- Approx. \$1.8 billion will go to Formula Entitled Cities and Counties
- Approx. \$767 million will go to Non-entitlement Cities and Counties via State Programs
- Approx. \$54.8 million will go to Tribal Governments

## MICHIGAN ALLOCATIONS

### 1. What are the State of Michigan funding allocations and how will they be distributed?

DOE has announced that Michigan's allocation under EECBG is \$76.6 million, with \$57.6 million going directly to 69 Michigan communities and tribal governments for local energy efficiency and conservation efforts. Communities must submit an application to DOE before they will receive their Recovery Act dollars. The application due date for cities, counties and tribal governments is June 25, 2009.

Allocations to entities eligible for grants from the State of Michigan are based on the following **approximate** funding amounts:

- 68%, approx. \$57.6 million, will go to Formula Entitled Cities and Counties
- 28%, approx. \$19.6 million, will go to Non-entitlement Cities and Counties
  - \* Of this amount a minimum of 60%, approx. \$11.4 million will go directly to Michigan non-entitlement cities
- 2%, approx. \$1.25 million, will go to Tribal Governments
- 2%, approx. \$1.25 million, will be distributed through competitive grants

## WHAT'S NEW?

- **Michigan Municipal League (MML) in partnership with the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DeLEG)** is hosting a seminar entitled *EECBG Guidance for Michigan Communities*. The day-long seminar will examine job creation through effective use of Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds with leveraging of other resources. The seminar will also provide the most current information on the application and reporting requirements for the entitlement communities plus on-line help resources and a Q&A session with DOE staff. Non-entitlement communities will apply for EECBG funds through the State of Michigan and are also invited.
  - [http://www.mml.org/pdf/emails/eecbg\\_packet.pdf](http://www.mml.org/pdf/emails/eecbg_packet.pdf)
- **Michigan Municipal League (MML)** has posted material online from their April 28, 2009, informative program entitled: *EECBG Training for Entitlement Communities*. Please follow the link below to access the information.
  - [http://www.mml.org/advocacy/federal/eecbg/eecbg\\_presentation\\_materials.html](http://www.mml.org/advocacy/federal/eecbg/eecbg_presentation_materials.html)
- **ATTENTION Entitlement County & City EECBG Grant Applicants:** there is a required pre-application process for all entitlement communities seeking funding. In order to apply for EECBG formula funds, a three-step registration process is required of all applicants, and takes approximately 21 days to complete. To view detailed directions for pre-application please follow the link below.
  - <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/#lg1>
- The **Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA)** for the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 2009: EECBG Program can be found at the websites below.
  - For the PDF Version, use the link below.
    - <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/Downloads/DE-FOA-000013%20Amendment%20000001.pdf>
  - For the FedConnect version, follow the link below. Click on "Search Public Opportunities" and use Reference Number: DE-FOA-000013, in the search directory.
    - <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>
- The formula for the EECBG program funding was published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 2009. To see the complete methodology go to: <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/Downloads>
- Governor Granholm's announcement of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can be found at: <http://www.michigan.gov>

## HELPFUL LINKS

- **FedConnect Website**  
<https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>
- **EECBG Website**  
<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>
- **D-U-N-S Number Request Services**  
<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>
- **Central Contractor Registry**  
<http://www.ccr.gov/>
- **I.C.L.E.I. Local Governments for Sustainability**  
<http://www.icleiusa.org/stimulusfunding>

