

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

Tribe-Specific Office Hours



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Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) | Deadline 5/31/25

Total Tribal Funding:
\$8,800,000

774 Tribes, Alaska Native Villages and Corporations

Allocations: ~\$10,000 – \$150,000

14 flexible, eligible use areas
Project options enable place-based work

Example eligible activities:

- Develop strategy to reduce energy in homes and/or Tribal facilities
- Community Solar and Storage Installations
- Energy Efficiency Retrofits, such as heat pump installations
- Weatherization materials, like window replacements, insulation, etc.
- Workforce Development Programs (i.e., training energy auditors)
- Creating plans for Housing Rebate Programs & other opportunities

Application Alternative | Vouchers

Seeking a shorter application with fewer reporting requirements?

Consider vouchers for Equipment Rebates and/or Technical Assistance. Use full allocation.

Tribal governments can choose between grants or vouchers



OPTION #1: Traditional Grant

Traditional grants offer maximum flexibility (e.g., staffing, contracting to a company of your choice), hiring staff, or creating programs.



OPTION #2: Vouchers

Vouchers for **equipment rebates and/or technical assistance**. Vouchers are a great option for those that want to purchase and install equipment or conduct straight-forward analysis and planning.

Why choose a grant?

- ✓ Maximum flexibility to pursue a range of projects or multiple projects at a time
- ✓ Projects significant admin costs / staff time
- ✓ Projects involve financing

Why choose a voucher?

- ✓ Shorter application, fewer reporting requirements
- ✓ Simpler process if you have a piece of equipment in mind or know exactly which kind of Technical assistance that you want
- ✓ Minimizes procurement for hiring a consultant

All eligible entities are encouraged to pursue the voucher option

Technical Assistance Vouchers:

Eligible entities apply for TA voucher and TA administrator (procured by DOE) provides requested TA

Example Projects:

- Policy, Planning & Program Design
- Building Retrofits Planning and Design
- Engineering and Modeling Support
- Community and Stakeholder Engagement Support
- Program Administration & Implementation Support

Example:

The Tribe is seeking technical assistance to perform a siting analysis and preliminary planning for EV infrastructure.

Equipment Rebates:

Eligible entities apply for rebate, purchase equipment upon approval, and get reimbursed (including installation cost)

Example Projects:

- Technology to retrofit buildings (e.g., HVAC, heat pumps, weatherization materials, etc.)
- EVs and EV charging stations and equipment
- Equipment for renewable energy (e.g., wind, solar)
- Metering equipment, electric system upgrades

Example:

The Tribe is seeking a rebate for purchasing and installation of an air-source heat pump at City Hall.

Pooled Funds Application Options | Teams & Consortia

Why pool funds?

- ✓ Significantly reduces application time, effort
- ✓ Consolidates reporting requirements
- ✓ Consortia option makes it easier to procure equipment, particularly for small and rural Tribes (because 3rd party handles logistics)

Example Uses:

- Purchase & distribute equipment in bulk
- Hire a shared energy manager to identify opportunities for improving energy efficiency in Tribal buildings
- Execute residential energy efficiency programs

Pooled Funds Options

Option #1: Teaming

- Tribes pool their funds **and select one “lead tribe”** to submit an application
- Lead tribe manages reporting on behalf of others

Option #2: Consortia

- Tribes pool funds, **select a third party entity** (e.g., Inter-Tribal Organization, non-profit) to submit the application & manage award (e.g., reporting)
- “Lead tribe” chosen to select the third party

EECBG Program | Technical Assistance Can Amplify Impact

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Blueprints & Blueprint Cohorts:

High-impact project/program ideas with by step-by-step instructions.

Note: some Blueprints are specifically geared toward Tribes.

Blueprint cohorts provide opportunity to learn from peers and experts, share best practices, and gain insights on successful deployment strategies.

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Community Energy Fellows:

DOE-sponsored staff based in communities to increase the capacity and impact of EECBG-funded projects.

Fellowships last 18 months.

Fellowships provided to Tribes on a competitive basis.

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Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy (EECS) support

Applicants to the EECBG formula program required submit an EECS.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory will provide 10-20 hours or more upon request to support EECS development.

This support will include establishing a baseline of understanding and energy planning basics.

Request support: EECS_TA@nrel.gov

Already- Awarded Tribal Projects

*To see all awarded projects, see our awards page:
[www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-
block-grant-program-awards](http://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-awards)*

EECBG Program Highlight | Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians (EBKI), CA

Award Summary | \$10,000

Energy planning to increase renewables, connect to local grid, and reduce reliance on propane generators

Kickstart clean energy planning, support decarbonization

- ✓ EBKI will contribute EECBG Program funding to a broader energy planning effort
- ✓ The aim is to connect the Tribe to the local grid, increase access to renewable energy generation, and reduce reliance on propane generators
- ✓ Ideally, this new plan will significantly reduce energy burdens for communities that rely on generators for power



Application Type: Traditional Grant

EECBG Program Highlight | Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, MI

Award Summary | \$11,270

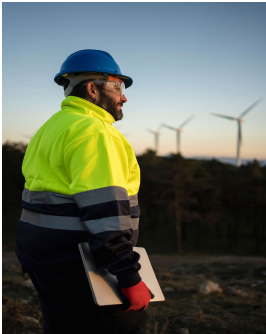
Hire a technical consultant to update the Tribe's strategic plan

- Hire a **technical consultant** to update the strategic energy plan, which was last completed in 2008.
- Establish **benchmarks and goals** for the community to **reduce energy use and emissions**.
- Tribal leadership and community representatives on the KBIC's Committee for Alternative and Renewable Energy will **collaborate with the consultant** to create a plan that reflects the community's clean energy goals.

Application Type: Traditional Grant

Anticipated J40 Benefits

- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community qualifies as a disadvantaged under Justice40, where energy costs for some residents fall in the 90th percentile.
- This investment will ensure will increase access to affordable, reliable energy for residents.



EECBG Program Highlight | Team - Native Village and Corporation in Alaska

Award Summary | ~\$20,000

Conduct an energy audit that will involve a thorough examination of electricity consumption and energy efficiency in the Village.

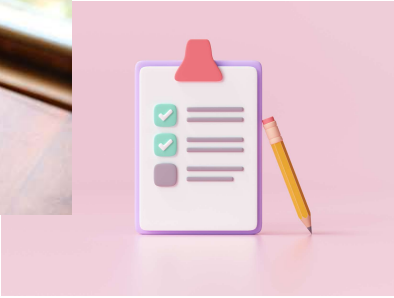
Kickstart the reduction of energy consumption, laying groundwork for subsequent projects

- ✓ This audit will encompass residential, commercial, and public spaces
- ✓ Using information gathered from the assessment to help identifying and rectifying any issues related to energy usage

Application Type:
Teaming, Technical Assistance Voucher

Anticipated J40 Benefits

- An energy audit in the Village will serve as a foundational step in creating a more equitable and sustainable energy landscape.
- The findings and subsequent actions will lead to a more balanced and accessible clean energy future.



EECBG Program Highlight | The Colusa Indian Community Council, CA

Award Summary | \$10,040

Contribute to cost of EV fast charger for community use

Advance clean transportation access for the community

- ✓ EECBG Program funds will mostly cover cost of installation
- ✓ EV charger will be readily available on Tribal lands (at a well-used local convenience store)
- ✓ EV charger will make it feasible for Tribal members to purchase and use EVs
- ✓ The level 3 EV charger will help alleviate range anxiety in the community

Application Type: Traditional Grant



EECBG Program Highlight | The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Award Summary | \$82,030

Create a community-wide **energy conservation strategy** and conduct energy assessments in Tribal Nation buildings.

Kickstart clean energy planning, assess community needs

- ✓ Conduct energy assessments in Tribal Nation buildings and create an energy conservation strategy
- ✓ Technical consultants will perform this work in collaboration with the Nation’s newly formed Energy Management Team
- ✓ The strategy will allow the Nation to track progress towards their energy goals and quantify savings from energy efficiency upgrades

Application Type: Traditional Grant

Anticipated J40 Benefits

- The Choctaw Nation qualifies as a disadvantaged under Justice40, where energy costs for some residents fall in the 90th percentile
- This investment will enable the Nation to prioritize energy conservation strategies that may reduce community energy burdens

