

Critical Infrastructure Microgrid and Community Resilience Center Pilot Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Submit all questions to: OEI@Wisconsin.gov

- 1.) Is this a reimbursement program like the Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP)?

Answer: Yes, Section 5.1 of the Application Instructions addresses Grant performance Period and Funding:

“Unless provided otherwise in writing, any award will have a grant term beginning on the date the grant agreement is counter-signed by the Commission, and expiring automatically and without notice on the grant performance period end date identified in the grant agreement, June 30, 2022. All costs must be incurred during the grant performance period. Grant funds are issued in a single reimbursement payment upon project completion and receipt of a complete and satisfactory final performance report and request for reimbursement, which must include detailed supporting documentation for all costs. Final performance reports and reimbursement payments are due 90 days after the grant performance period end date. Projects that are completed early may submit final performance reports and requests for reimbursement early.”

- 2.) Are multiple Government entities allowed to apply together for a joint feasibility study?

Answer: Yes, partnerships are encouraged in general. Please note that the group of eligible lead applicants should designate a single entity to administer the grant, act as the fiscal agent, and be responsible for reporting.

- 3.) Is it PSC OEI’s vision to follow this grant up with construction grant funding later?

Answer: OEI staff have expressed an interest in offering future grants for detailed design work and implementation. The Commission will make the final decision regarding any grant program design or funding levels in an open meeting. Possible funding streams include the Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP), FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding (learn more about BRIC here [2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Webinar Series | FEMA.gov](#)) as well as future rounds of State Energy Program funding, as determined by the Commission.

- 4.) Can/should the feasibility study include plans?

Answer: Yes! Please see the merit review criteria section 3.4.4. Evaluation of Site-Specific Information- while building plans are not specifically mentioned, they would be a welcome addition to the reference material that demonstrates the extent of the applicant’s work to prepare for the project.

- 5.) Is match required?

Answer: No, match is not required, but it is encouraged. Providing either cash or in-kind match can demonstrate the applicant’s commitment to the project’s success.