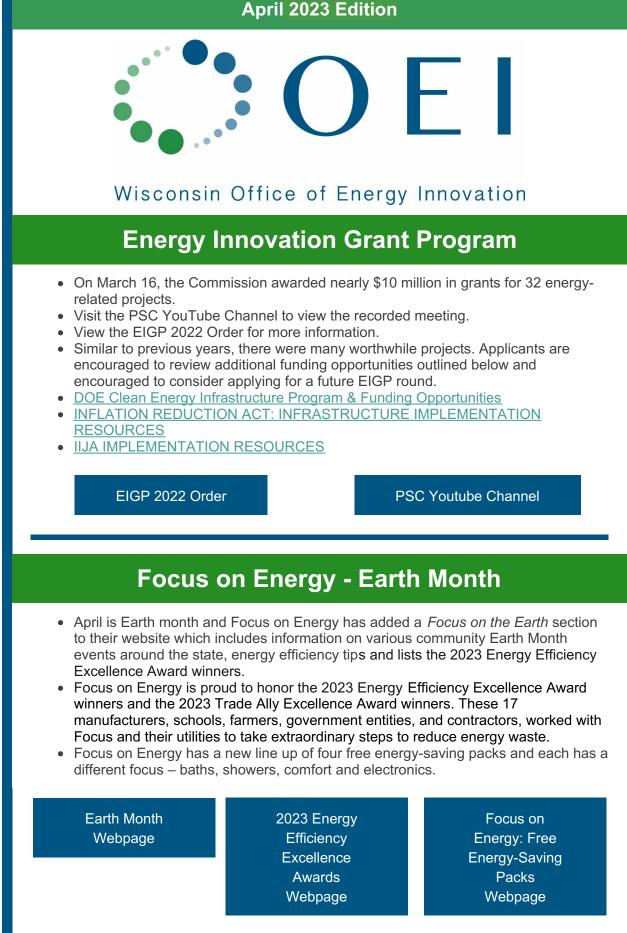
April 2023 Edition



Federal Home Energy Rebate Programs

- The Department of Energy (DOE) has published Frequently Asked Questions for the Home Energy Rebate Programs.
- These programs are a part of the Inflation Reduction Act and include the Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates.
- Although these programs are not yet available, this FAQ provides valuable information about the programs and the projected timeframe of when the funds will become available.

DOE Home Energy Rebate Programs Home Energy Rebate FAQ

Federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Competitive Program

- The DOE EECBG Competitive Program will award \$8.8 million in funding to cities, counties, towns, municipalities, and state-recognized tribes or teams of these communities that were ineligible for the EECBG Program Formula grant.
- EECBG Program recipients can use the funding for a wide variety of projects that lower energy costs, create clean energy jobs, improve energy efficiency, and reduce overall energy use.
- DOE will host two webinars with information about the grant structure, design, and application process on **Tuesday, April 18**, and on **Monday, May 15**.
- Funding allocations for direct recipients of the federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) have been released:
- Local Government Allocations
- <u>Tribal Nation Allocations</u>
- Pre-award Information Sheets are due to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) by **April 28, 2023**. This sheet and other supporting documents and templates can be found on the U.S. DOE EECBG DOE Application Hub.

EECBG DOE Application Hub

Federal Rural Energy for America Program Grants Available Now

- The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans & Grants in WI through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development are now available.
- Agriculture producers and small business owners are eligible to apply for these grants.
- These funds can be used for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems and for the construction of energy efficiency improvements.
- Visit the link below to learn more information.

USDA REAP Webpage

Highlight of the Month



- Midwest Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) project partners--Center for Energy and Environment, Slipstream, and MEEA--conducted a needs assessment to increase the proportion of heat pumps serving residences across the Midwest.
- The Midwest Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) Collaborative will host a webinar on April 27th from 1-2pm CT to review findings from the needs assessment and the other work the collaborative has underway.



Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation



- The Wisconsin Energy Institute is releasing second season of its Women in Power podcast, which highlights the work of women in energy sciences.
- The first episode of their season 2 will occur **April 27 at 4:30pm**. You can listen in online via Zoom or listen in person. Visit the link below to learn more.

Women in Power Webpage

OEI will send out regular communications to stakeholders via this newsletter. Please share this email with colleagues and encourage them to join our mailing list at this <u>link</u>.

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