



Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation

## Energy Innovation Grant Program

- The 2023 round of the EIGP opened November 30, 2023 and the application period will remain open until March 1, 2024. The application must be submitted to the PSC Grants System by **March 1, 2024 at 1:30pm CT**.
- Application instructions can be found [here](#).
- A webinar is scheduled to go over the Application instructions and materials on December 20th at 1pm CT. Click [here](#) to register.
- To receive updates on the program, be sure to subscribe to the **9709-FG-2023** docket.

EIGP Webpage

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## Rural Energy Startup Program

- The Rural Energy Startup Program (RESP), funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) opened November 30, 2023. The application period will remain open until January 31, 2024. The application must be submitted to the PSC Grants System by **January 31, 2024 at 1:30pm CT**.
- Application Instructions can be found [here](#).
- A webinar is scheduled to go over the Application instructions and materials on December 14 at 10am CT. Click [here](#) to register.
- To receive updates on the program, be sure to subscribe to the **9714-FG-2023** docket.

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## Grid Resilience Program

- Proposals for the Grid Resilience Program are due **February 16, 2024 at 1:30pm**

CT. Phase One proposals must be submitted through the PSC Grants System.

- Application Instructions can be found [here](#).
- Additionally, OEI held a webinar covering the program Application Instructions on November 29, 2023. A recording of the webinar and the slides can be found on the program webpage, linked below.

Grid Resilience Program  
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## Wisconsin Refueling Readiness Program

- The Wisconsin Refueling Readiness (WIRR) 2023 program opened December 8, 2023. Applications will be accepted via the PSC Grants System on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are no longer available, or no later than April 30, 2024 at 1:30pm CT.
- The program is designed to facilitate the fueling of emergency vehicles during a major power outage by expanding the network of designated disaster fueling facilities throughout the state.
- Eligible applicants include private entities and municipal, county, and Tribal communities with fueling stations or bulk storage facilities.

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## Focus on Energy

- Focus on Energy will keep you informed on the development of the Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebate programs for Wisconsin residents. Visit the link below for current information and to sign up to receive news and updates.
- Did you know that residential customers of participating utilities can receive one FREE energy saving pack per calendar year? Focus on Energy offers three pack configurations to choose from. Visit the link below to order your FREE pack for 2023 before time runs out!

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Energy Rebates Webpage

Focus on Energy Packs  
Webpage

## Cybersecurity Grant Opportunity for Small Utilities

- Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) opened a \$70 million funding opportunity for cooperatives, municipal utilities, and small investor-owned utilities for cybersecurity improvements.
- The pre-application is due January 10, 2024, and the full application is due April 24, 2024.
- Visit the link below to learn more.

## Wisconsin Economic Development Green Innovation Fund Request for Proposals

- The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) is seeking proposals from qualified consulting firms or nonprofit organizations to implement the structure of the Wisconsin Green Innovation Fund (Fund) in accordance with the principles and guidelines as developed by the Governor Evers-appointed Green Ribbon Commission on Clean Energy and Environmental Innovation.
- Proposals must be submitted electronically by **Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 5pm CT**.
- Visit the link below to download the request for proposals document and for information on where to submit the proposals.

[Wisconsin Economic Development Webpage](#)

## U.S. Department of Energy Announces \$121 Million to Reduce Emissions Across America's Industrial Sector

- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Industrial Efficiency and Decarbonization Office (IEDO) announced a \$38 million funding opportunity (FOA) as well as a notice of intent (NOI) to issue a \$83 million funding opportunity. These funding opportunities will help tackle the climate crisis, boost the competitiveness of domestic manufacturing, and create good-paying jobs for American workers.
- **The Cross-Sector Technologies (CST)** FOA focuses on high-impact, applied research, development, and pilot demonstration projects to advance the transformational cross-sector technologies and innovations required to reduce energy use and GHG emissions across the industrial sector. CST FOA topics include: electrification of industrial heat, efficient energy use in industrial systems, and decarbonizing organic wastewater and wet waste treatment.
- The CST Concept Papers are due December 18, 2023 at 4pm CT, and full applications are due March 20, 2024 at 4pm CT.
- **The Energy- and Emissions-Intensive Industries (EII)** NOI will focus on applied RD&D for the highest GHG-emitting industrial subsectors, specifically: chemicals and fuels; iron and steel; food and beverage; building and infrastructure materials (including cement and concrete, asphalt pavements, and glass); and forest products.
- Updates for both of these funding opportunities will be posted on the Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) Exchange website, which is linked below.

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Efficiency & Renewable  
Energy Webpage](#)

[EERE Exchange Website](#)

## Federal Energy Funding for Rural and Remote Areas A Guide for Communities

- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in collaboration with the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations and many others recently released a guide for communities titled "Federal Energy Funding for Rural and Remote Areas".
- This guide is intended for those that live or work in rural and remote areas and are looking to plan or build clean energy projects in their communities. The guide provides an overview of many federal programs offering funding or advice to support clean energy projects.
- To read the guide and learn more please visit the link below.

Federal Energy Funding for Rural and Remote Areas Guide

## Solar for Good Powers Up Wisconsin Nonprofits

- RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good program fosters the expansion of solar power among mission-based nonprofits and houses of worship in Wisconsin. In collaboration with the Couillard Solar Foundation, RENEW Wisconsin awards grant-funding or solar panels to the chosen organization. RENEW Wisconsin prioritizes organizations that work in areas of social justice, low-income communities, people of color, children or seniors, rural WI, education and new technology or innovation.
- Recently, RENEW Wisconsin announced the Fall 2023 grant cycle recipients in which more than \$280,000 in cash awards and solar panel donations were made to eighteen Wisconsin nonprofits as part of the 13th round of grant funding for the program.
- To learn more about the program and to view the chosen nonprofits for the Fall 2023 grant cycle, please visit the links below.

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