

February 2023 Edition



Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation

Energy Innovation Grant Program

- The Application period for the Energy Innovation Grant Program 2022 round closed on January 30, 2023.
- 135 applications were submitted requesting over 42 million dollars with the Commission expecting to award up to \$10 million dollars to eligible projects.
- A review of the applications is underway, with the Commission expected to announce grant recipients in the spring of 2023.
- Subscribe to Docket 9709-FG-2022 to receive updates.

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Focus on Energy News: WBA Honors Focus on Energy's Andy Kuc!

- The Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA) recently awarded the 2022 Associate of the Year Award to **Andy Kuc, Focus on Energy Residential New Construction Program Manager**.
- This award is the highest honor an associate within the organization can receive and is a testament to the awardee's commitment to the WBA and its members.
- Andy works with Focus on Energy Trade Allies, building new homes that will receive Focus on Energy Certification. To read more about Andy and the great work that he is doing, click the news link below.

Focus on Energy News

Inflation Reduction Act Tax Credits

- The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Green Power Partnership (GPP) has published a webpage containing the updated tax credits available through the IRA.
- The U.S. Department of Energy has also updated its Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers webpage for 2023-2024.
- Both links are below and are valuable resources.

EPA website

DOE Clean Energy Tax

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program

- Funding allocations for direct recipients of the federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) have been released:
- [State Allocations](#)
- [Local Government Allocations](#)
- [Tribal Nation Allocations](#)
- Pre-award Information Sheets are due to U.S. 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](#)

U.S. Department of Energy Announces \$35 Million to Deploy Clean Energy on Tribal Lands

- The DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations to provide electric power to Tribal Buildings, which otherwise would be unelectrified, by deploying integrated energy system or energy infrastructure.
- Applications are due **February 23, 2023**.

[Indian Energy Funding Opportunities](#)

Home Efficiency & Electrification Rebate Programs RFI

- The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of State and Community Energy Programs has released a Request for Information (RFI) for the Home Energy Rebate programs.
- The RFI includes the HOMES rebate program and the High-Efficiency Electric Home rebate program (HEERHA) and intends to inform the DOE guidance.
- Wisconsin has been allocated approximately \$74.9M for HOMES and \$74.5M for HEERHA.
- OEI and Focus on Energy representatives are preparing a response; all other interested parties who would like to respond can do so until **March 3, 2023**.

[Home Energy Rebate Programs](#)

[RFI Form](#)

DOE Announces program for Onsite Energy

Technical Assistance (TAP) Partnerships

- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Industrial Efficiency and Decarbonization Office (IEDO) recently announced a \$23 million funding opportunity.
- This funding opportunity is for establishing onsite Energy TAPs that will help facilities across the nation integrate the latest onsite energy technologies by providing specialized technical assistance.
- Please see the link below for more information.

Advanced Manufacturing & Industrial Decarbonization

February Highlight: RENEW Summit and MEEA Conference

- RENEW Wisconsin recently held the annual RENEW Wisconsin Energy Summit: **Sizing Up the Clean Energy Transformation**. The event included a lively discussion on opportunities expected with the new federal funding and how Wisconsin stakeholders can work to implement renewable energy strategies across the state.
- The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) also recently held its 2023 conference, in which energy stakeholders from across the midwest raised awareness and reinforced the importance of energy efficiency. The event was very well attended and was a celebration of accomplishments while also laying out the program and policy landscape for the coming year, which also included topics related to federal funding.
- To learn more about each event, please visit the links below.

RENEW Wisconsin

MEEA Conference



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