



Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation

Grid Resilience Program Grant Award Announcement

- On June 16 Senator Tammy Baldwin announced that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) awarded the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC or Commission) \$10.2 million under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Grid Resilience Program to improve resiliency of the electric grid.
- Tribal nations in Wisconsin are also eligible to receive a total of \$2.6 million for the Grid Resilience Program for this first phase.
- Following the program design phase, which will include an open comment period to help inform Commission decisions on program scope and priorities, OEI anticipates opening one or more competitive grant cycles to solicit projects from eligible applicants. OEI will host a webinar at the beginning of each grant cycle to help potential applicants understand the funding opportunity and grant requirements.
- Stay informed of progress by subscribing to docket 9713-FG-2022 through the OEI Federal Funding page linked below

[DOE Press Release](#)

[PSC Press Release](#)

[OEI Federal Funding Webpage](#)

Focus on Energy

- Focus on Energy has a variety of Special Offerings in addition to its regular Programs including: Municipal Roadway Bonus, Project Planning Bonus, Utility Bill Verified Savings, and Pump Assessments. Learn more using the link below.

[Focus on Energy Special Offerings webpage](#)

Renew America's Nonprofits

- Reminder the Renew America's Nonprofits Grant application deadline is **August 3rd, 2023 at 5 pm ET (6 pm CT)**. Completed applications need to be submitted through the Infrastructure Exchange portal to be considered.
- Visit the links below to learn more and to apply.

Renew America's Nonprofits QA Spreadsheet

Inflation Reduction Act Direct Pay Guidance

- The Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) "elective pay" also known as "direct pay" provisions will for the first time allow tax-exempt and government entities to receive a payment equal to the full value of tax credits for the first time for building qualifying clean energy projects.
- This provision allows entities to get their payment as long as they meet the requirements for both direct pay and the underlying tax credit.
- Eligible Entities include:
 - State, Local, and Territorial Governments
 - Tribal and Native Entities
 - Rural Energy Cooperatives
 - Other Tax-Exempt Entities
- To learn more about Direct Pay please visit the attached links and webinar recording.

Inflation Reduction Act - Direct
Pay Details

Direct Pay Webinar Recording

US Treasury Department Guidance

REAP Technical Assistance Grant

- Grants are available through the [Rural Energy for America Program](#) (REAP) to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses access federal funds for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements.
- Eligible recipients for these grants include state, Tribal or local governments; colleges and universities; electric cooperatives and utility companies; and for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Recipients may use the funds to:
 - Help rural agricultural producers and small business owners apply for REAP funding.
 - Provide information on how business owners and agricultural producers can improve the energy efficiency of their operations and use renewable energy technologies and resources.
 - Conduct required energy assessments and audits.
 - Help agricultural producers and small business owners plan, build or develop renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.
- Paper Submissions must be received by the Agency **no later than 4pm CT on August 15, 2023.**

USDA REAP Webpage

Federal Register

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant

- Reminder the Department of Energy (DOE) extended the Pre-Award Information sheet deadline to **July 31, 2023**. Formula-eligible entities are encouraged to submit as soon as possible to begin the application process.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

WLGCC Hires First Executive Director

- The Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC) provides a platform for members to collaborate on overcoming barriers to decarbonization, accelerating local climate change solutions, and ensuring that the benefits of the clean energy economy are distributed to everyone throughout the state.
- Members include municipalities and counties in all regions, representing over 1 in 3 citizens across the state.
- WLGCC recently hired its first Executive Director Allison Carlson. Schedule a call with her by emailing info@wlgcc.org.

WLGCC Webpage

City of Madison Secures Nearly \$38 Million to Improve Public Transportation and Transition to Clean Electric Buses

- Recently U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin announced that the City of Madison will be receiving nearly \$38 million to improve public transportation, accommodate growth, and further the City's commitment to clean energy.
- The funding will be received through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program, which received increased funding for this fiscal year.

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