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Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation

EIGP and EECBG Grant Rounds Open November 30th

- The Commission made decisions on the scope of the 2023 round of the Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) at its open meeting November 3, 2023.
- If you were unable to attend the in-person meeting, the recording is available on the PSC [Youtube Channel](#).
- The Commission Order will be available on ERF soon.
- The Application period for EIGP 2023 will open November 30th, 2023 and will close March 1st, 2024.
- The Application period for EECBG will open November 30th, 2023 and will close January 31st, 2024.
- To stay informed and receive updates be sure to subscribe to docket 9709-FG-2023 and docket 9714-FG-2023 respectively.

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Grid Resilience Program Opens November 16

- The Wisconsin Grid Resilience Program's primary objective is to improve the resiliency of the electric grid.
- The program for eligible applicants and activities will open on November 16, 2023. Phase One proposals are due February 16 at 1:30 pm.
- Stay informed of program launch and any updates by subscribing to docket 9713-FG-2022.

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Focus on Energy Nonprofit Efficiency Accelerator

- A Nonprofit Efficiency Accelerator (NEA) is available to nonprofit organizations. There are two paths to participation: the NEA Donation Match (NEA DM) and the NEA Request for Proposals (NEA RFP). The NEA DM will provide a donation match, in addition to standard incentives, upon completion of an energy efficiency project. The NEA RFP allows nonprofits to apply for incentives above standard prescriptive and custom rates.
- Businesses must be a 501(c)(3) organization to be eligible for the offering and the project site must be served by a participating Focus on Energy utility. Full eligibility requirements are available on the website and application form.
- To learn more about NEA, please visit the links below.

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Nonprofit Efficiency
Accelerator Guide

Department of Energy Cybersecurity Training

- Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER), in partnership with the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), is hosting cybersecurity training for electric utility staff.
- The training events are open to grid operations and digital infrastructure staff from all types of electric utilities, including electric cooperatives as well as public, investor-owned, and tribal utilities.
- Registration is free and open NOW for the following training events:
 - Orlando, FL, November 28-30, 2023
 - Kansas City, MO, December 5-7, 2023
- Registration available soon for the following training events:
 - San Diego, CA, January 17-19, 2024
 - Dallas TX, January 23-25, 2024
 - Buffalo, NY, April 23-25, 2024
- To learn more and register for a training event, please visit the link below.

Cybersecurity Training for the Utility Workforce Webpage

Department of Energy Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program

- DOE recently opened applications for the Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program that was established by the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- The bonus adds 10 or 20 percentage point increase to the Investment Tax Credit (or Direct Pay) for eligible projects installed on tribal land and/or low income community properties, to increase adoption of and access to renewable energy facilities in underserved and environmental justice communities.
- Interested parties apply for a capacity allocation for each eligible project.
- The deadline to submit applications to [Login.gov](https://www.login.gov) for the initial application period is

November 18, 2023 at 12pm EST. Applications submitted thereafter will be considered based on available capacity allocations remaining.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Announces \$19.5 Million to Support Rural Communities in Wisconsin

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced awards for \$19.5 million across three rural initiatives to help farmers adopt new climate-smart agricultural practices, support community infrastructure, and increase economic development.
- Most recent investments in Wisconsin:
 - \$11.92 million across five projects dedicated to rural jobs and infrastructure.
 - \$5 million across 40 projects through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
 - \$2.6 million across 19 projects through the Rural Partners Network.
- REAP loan and grant applications are considered quarterly, with the next deadline of **December 31, 2023**.

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Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin Webinar

- The Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin will be hosting an educational webinar of interest:
 - Small Business webinar “Wisconsin Small Business Energy Management 101: Grants, Programs & Funding Options” will be held on **November 29th**. Click here to [register](#).
- In case you missed it earlier this month, the Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin’s “Wisconsin Homeowner Crash Course in Energy Efficiency, Tax Credits & IRA” webinar is now available on [Youtube](#).

Citizens Utility Board Webpage

Wisconsin's Office of Energy Innovation Partnership Brings Affordable Community Solar to Rural Wisconsin

- The Office of Energy (OEI) was a part of a first of-its-kind partnership with the community group [Couleecap](#) (a local community action agency), [Vernon Electric Cooperative](#), and the [Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (WHEAP) in providing funding for the Bluff Prairie Community Solar Farm that will soon start generating power in rural Vernon County.
- OEI provided a grant to cover subscriptions. The credits generated by the panels will be distributed to households in the Vernon Electric Cooperative that are low-income and participating in the WHEAP, the state's Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

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