



Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation

## Energy Innovation Grant Program

- The Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) supports a wide variety of energy projects related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage, energy planning, and more.
- Applications for the 2023 round of EIGP are due to the PSC Grants System by **1:30pm CT on March 1, 2024**. No late applications will be accepted.
- **Be sure to review new program requirements. These files are REQUIRED as part of your EIGP application!**
  - [9709-FG-2023 Application Metrics.xls Document](#)
  - PDF Map from the CJEST or OEI Mapping website, showing census tract/disadvantaged community area. Please refer to Page 12 of the [Application Instructions](#).

EIGP Webpage

## Wisconsin Refueling Readiness Program

- The Wisconsin Refueling Readiness (WRR) program is designed to address the concern of fueling emergency vehicles during a power outage. Eligible applicants include private entities and municipal, county, and Tribal communities with fueling stations or bulk storage facilities.
- Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must be submitted to the PSC Grants System no later than **1:30pm CT on April 30, 2024**.
- Take a look at the Application Instructions and FAQ document on the program webpage, linked below.

Refueling Readiness Webpage

## Rural Energy Startup Program

- The Rural Energy Startup (RESP) program application deadline has been extended to **1:30pm CT on Friday, March 29, 2024**.
- RESP supports rural communities in taking initial steps to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency. If you are a rural

municipality looking to start a comprehensive energy plan, investigate renewable resource planning or want to assess and retrofit a building, you still have time to apply.

- Review the Application Instructions, webinars, and FAQ document on the program webpage, linked below.

RESP Webpage

## Focus on Energy

- Focus on Energy is offering additional incentives for rural schools and government customers to assess and reduce their electricity use through the Schools and Government Rural Electric Reduction Accelerator Offering.
- This offering provides financial support beyond the existing offerings to help make electric saving projects happen sooner. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2026.
- Visit Focus on Energy's Special Offerings page for additional details on this offering and others.

Focus Special Offerings Webpage

## Wisconsin's IRA Home Energy Rebate Programs

- Focus on Energy has been holding Stakeholder Engagement Sessions both in-person and online to discuss an overview of the [Home Energy Rebate Programs](#) and provide question-and-answer sessions to allow feedback from participants. Two additional sessions remain, one on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, in Ashland and a virtual session on **Monday, February 26, 2024**. Click [here](#) to register and learn more about the sessions.
- Focus on Energy has also created and released a survey for Wisconsin's IRA Home Energy Rebate Programs Design. The survey contains general questions for all respondents and 14-17 multiple choice questions based on your role (Resident/Potential Participant, Contractor/Trade Ally, or Partner Organization/Supporting Entity (Local Government, Community Based Organization etc.)).
- The survey will be accepting responses until **February 29, 2024**. Click [here](#) if you are interested in participating in the survey.

## Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program Request for Proposal

- The Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (WEVI) Program second round of Request for Proposals (RFP) comment period will be open until **5pm CT on February 29, 2024**.
- Proposals must be submitted by email to [wevirfpsubmission@dot.wi.gov](mailto:wevirfpsubmission@dot.wi.gov) with a subject line designated in the RFP by **5pm CT on April 1, 2024**. Applications received after April 1, 2024, will not be considered.

## \$16 Million in Transit Capital Assistance Funds Announced for Wisconsin Communities

- Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld recently announced in a Press Release that applications are now being accepted for the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program. The Program funds the replacement of eligible public transit buses under the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust.
- The program gives preference to communities or routes that the DOA has determined to be critical for connecting employees with employers. So far, the program funds have funded the replacement of 92 eligible public transit buses.
- Applications are due by **March 8, 2024**.
- For more information on the Transit Capital Assistant Grant Program or VW Mitigation Program please contact Erin Smith, Department of Administration, [erin.smith@wisconsin.gov](mailto:erin.smith@wisconsin.gov).

DOA VW Mitigation Program  
webpage

Press Release

## PSC OEI Transportation Page

- The transportation sector is Wisconsin's largest energy consumer, making vehicle electrification a crucial strategy for reducing petroleum use and decarbonizing the sector.
- Information on vehicle electrification can be found on OEI's transportation page, including information on the Commission's EV-related decisions, the WEVI program, and a compilation of available transportation-related rebate and incentive programs offered by utilities and co-ops.

OEI Transportation webpage

## Inflation Reduction Act and Schools Webinar

- Join Focus on Energy, Sun Prairie School District, and others for a webinar at **1pm CT on February 29** about how new Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) federal funding, combined with energy utility incentives, can be leveraged towards school facility projects.
- This webinar is geared to K-12 facility managers, administrators, and their construction teams.
- Register for the webinar below. If you have questions, email [tyler@forwardtogetherwi.org](mailto:tyler@forwardtogetherwi.org).

Register Here

# RENEW Wisconsin 2024 Summit Honors Clean Energy Leaders

- RENEW Wisconsin held its 13th annual Renewable Energy Summit on February 1, 2024, at Monona Terrace in Madison.
- This event gathers industry experts, policymakers, innovators, and community leaders dedicated to accelerating the transition to clean energy sources with this year's theme being "Unleashing the Power of Wisconsin's Clean Energy Potential."
- During which time they recognized 13 clean energy projects grouped under three categories: Clean Energy Champion, RENEW Member of the Year, and Energy Reporting Excellence.
  - EIGP Grants contributed a total of \$1,091,295.00 towards three of these projects!

[RENEW WI webpage](#)



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