



Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Public Facility Projects

This guide identifies potential funding opportunities to support public facility construction and renovation projects in the 2023 calendar year. Many programs included in this guide have geographic and/or demographic eligibility restrictions. Prospective applicants are encouraged to check they meet program requirements prior to pursuing an opportunity. Programs included in this guide are typically reoccurring. Past funding opportunities that seemed relevant but presented no indication of being funded in the future were not included.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	\$450 million	274
2020	\$871 million	256

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: Not required

Application Due: Rolling

- Grant awards will be contingent upon the availability of grant funding
- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance projects if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

El Dorado County
Community Health Center
El Dorado County, CA

AMOUNT: \$18.5 million

YEAR: 2021

The El Dorado County Community Health Center received an \$18.5 million loan to build a medical facility for residents and workers in and around Placerville. The center is a key player in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in El Dorado County. It also provides medical, behavioral health, dental, pharmacy and substance misuse treatment services.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located.

For the purposes of this program, an essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted-living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Other costs include reasonable and necessary fees for:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisors
- Environmental
- Archaeological
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring rights

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Grant awards will be contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance projects if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There will be no prepayment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan. Current interest rates, when available, can be found online at www.rd.usda.gov.

No more than 25 percent of the total floor space of the project may be used for an ineligible purpose.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices. To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to repair essential community facilities damaged by presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022. Projects must be located in rural areas, except for utility-type services such as telecommunications or hydroelectric that serve both rural and non-rural areas; financially feasible; for public use; necessary for orderly community development; and consistent with the state strategic plan. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, nonprofit corporations or associations that have significant ties with the local rural community, unless they are nonprofit utilities, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Program History

This is a new program authorized under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$50 million

Award Range: None

Match: Varies

Solicitation date: July 20, 2023

Proposal due: Rolling

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips

- Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served, rolling basis until all funds are expended.
- To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate state office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to repair essential community facilities damaged by presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022. Projects must be located in rural areas, except for utility-type services such as telecommunications or hydroelectric that serve both rural and non-rural areas; financially feasible; for public use; necessary for orderly community development; and consistent with the state strategic plan.

For the purposes of this program, essential community facilities are those public improvements requisite to the beneficial and orderly development of a community and operated on a nonprofit basis. Examples of such facilities include:

- Fire, rescue, and public safety facilities
- Health services facilities
- Community, social, or cultural services facilities
- Transportation facilities such as streets, roads, and bridges
- Hydroelectric generating facilities and related connecting systems and appurtenances, when not eligible for Rural Utility Service (RUS) financing
- Telecommunications equipment as it relates to medical and educational telecommunications links
- Supplemental and supporting structures for other rural electrification or telephone systems, when not eligible for RUS financing
- Natural gas distribution systems
- Industrial park sites, but only to the extent of land acquisition and necessary site preparation, including access ways and utility extensions to and throughout the site

Funds may be used for:

- Constructing, enlarging, extending, or otherwise improving essential community facilities providing essential service primarily to rural residents and rural businesses, including facilities such as educational and other publicly owned facilities
- Constructing or relocating public buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities and to make other public improvements necessary to the successful operation or protection of facilities
- Relocating private buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities, and other private improvements necessary to the successful operation or protection of facilities
- Reasonable fees and costs, such as legal, engineering, architectural, fiscal advisory, recording, environmental impact analyses, archeological surveys, and possible salvage or other mitigation measures, planning, establishing, or acquiring rights
- Costs of acquiring interest in land; rights, such as water rights, leases, permits, and rights-of way; and other evidence of land or water control necessary for development of the facilities

- Purchasing or renting equipment necessary to install, maintain, extend, protect, operate, or utilize facilities
- The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:
- Helping rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Eligibility is limited to projects located in a rural area in a county, or, for Indian tribes, in a rural area of a reservation, with a disaster declaration as declared by the president and with a notice declaring the disaster provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The disaster declaration must be related to the consequences of a disaster occurring in calendar year 2022. Refer to the Eligibility section for additional information.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments, nonprofit corporations or associations that have significant ties with the local rural community, unless they are nonprofit utilities, and federally recognized Indian tribes. Projects must be located in a rural area in a county, or, for Indian tribes, in a rural area of a reservation, with a disaster declaration as declared by the president and with a notice declaring the disaster provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The disaster declaration must be related to the consequences of a disaster occurring in calendar year 2022.

Subject to any updates to the presidentially declared disasters, the following states have been identified with areas that have been impacted by qualifying events during calendar year 2022: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia. The most current list of presidentially declared disasters can be found online at www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations.

Applicants must:

- Be unable to finance the proposed project from their own resources, other funding resources, or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.
- Have the legal authority and responsibility to own, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility

Funding

In FY 2023, up to \$50 million is available to support awards through this program. There is no minimum or maximum award amount. Awards will be made on a continual basis following the publication of this program's solicitation, and funds will remain available until expended. The project period will be noted in the award agreement and will extend for five years from the date of obligation of funds.

No more than 10 percent of the total award amount may be used to construct, improve, or acquire broadband infrastructure. In general, funds may not be used for construction work incurred prior to award approval.

Matching and Cost Share

Matching requirements will vary according to population size and median household income, as follows:

- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 5,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions
- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 12,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 45 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions
- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 65 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions
- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 50,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 85 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions
- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions; this level is only available to communities impacted by a disaster that has resulted in a loss of 60 percent of the community's population and is located in a rural community designated as a major disaster area by the president

Matching contributions may include other Community Facilities Program financial assistance, applicant contributions, or loans and grants from other sources.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-program-disaster-repair-grants>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support eligible entities in providing technical assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. Provided technical assistance and/or training will help eligible ultimate recipients to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Eligible applicants include public bodies, private nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes located on federal and state reservations.

Program History

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Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$1,265,000
Award Range: \$50,000-\$150,000
Match: Not required
Application Due: June 20, 2023

- Up to 10 percent of the total funding available through this program may be awarded to the highest-scoring ultimate recipient(s); however, awards made to ultimate recipients are limited to \$50,000.
Awards made to technical assistance providers assisting ultimate recipients are limited to \$150,000.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_rd_rhs_commfactechassttraininggrant.pdf



Awardee Profile

Housing Assistance Council (HAC), Washington, DC

AMOUNT: \$150,000
YEAR: 2022

Funding awarded to HAC focuses on developing the capacity of local leaders in nonprofit organizations to help their own communities. This is done by providing formal trainings, offering one-on-one technical assistance, and connecting local organizations to resources that can build their capacity and strengthen their communities.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2023 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support eligible entities in providing technical assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. Provided technical assistance and/or training will help eligible ultimate recipients to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, award recipients may assist in identifying public and private resources to finance identified community facility needs.

Eligible activities include:

- Assisting communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs
- Identifying resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources
- Preparing reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities
- Preparing applications for financial assistance from the funding agency
- Improving the management, including financial management, related to the operation of community facilities
- Assisting with other areas of need identified by the Secretary of Agriculture

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Helping rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants applying as technical assistance providers are:

Public bodies, including: states; counties; cities; townships; incorporated towns; villages; boroughs; authorities; districts; private nonprofit corporations; and federally recognized tribes located on federal and state reservations

Applicants applying as technical assistance providers must be legally established and located within a state or the District of Columbia, and must have the proven ability, background, experience, legal authority, and actual

capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training to ultimate recipients. To meet the requirement of actual capacity, an applicant must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have the necessary resources to provide technical assistance and/or training to associations in rural areas through its staff
- Be assisted by an affiliate or member organization that has such background and experience and that agrees, in writing, that it will provide the technical assistance
- May contract with a non-affiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the awarded funds to provide the proposed technical service

Applicants applying as ultimate recipients must be:

- Public bodies
- Indian tribes
- Nonprofit corporations that demonstrate community ties to the local area through the methods identified by the funding agency
- Projects must serve cities, villages, townships, towns, and federally recognized tribal lands outside the boundaries of a city of 20,000 or more.

No more than one application per applicant will be accepted.

- Funding

A total of \$1,265,000 is available to support awards through this program. Up to 10 percent of the total funding available through this program may be awarded to the highest-scoring ultimate recipient(s); however, awards made to ultimate recipients are limited to \$50,000. Awards made to technical assistance providers assisting ultimate recipients are limited to \$150,000.

Awards will be made by September 15, 2023.

Award periods may last for up to three years.

Indirect/administrative costs are limited to 10 percent of the award amount.

- Matching funds are not required for this program; however, additional points will be awarded during the application evaluation process to applicants that provide at least 10 percent of the total project cost via cash contributions. The most points will be awarded to applicants that provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost via cash contributions.

In addition, partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities are encouraged.

In-kind contributions may not be used as a match.

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Applicants must request technical assistance or other application guidance from the funding agency by June 12, 2023.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_rd_rhs_commfactechasstraingrant.pdf



Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Grant Overview

This program assists communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Eligible applicants are district organizations; Indian Tribes; states, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of states, including special purpose units of state or local governments engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education; and private or public nonprofits acting in cooperation with officials of political subdivisions of states.

Program History

A program history is unavailable.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Varies by project category

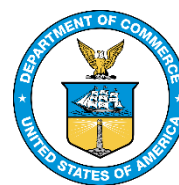
Award Range: Varies by project category

Match: 50 percent

Solicitation date: March 14, 2023

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance>



Awardee Profile

City of Dawson, MN

AMOUNT: \$1,189,500

YEAR: 2012

The City of Dawson was awarded a grant to fund critical improvements to its existing industrial park and to construct a new 65-acre industrial park nearby. The project includes the construction of a new service roadway, new water means, as well as a storm sewer and wastewater systems.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Through this program, the funding agency intends to advance general economic development in accordance with its investment priorities, but also to pursue projects that, where practicable, incorporate specific priorities related to equity, workforce development, and climate change resiliency so that investments can benefit everyone for decades to come. Funding will support bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency, and applicants are encouraged to propose initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

Separate program funds are available for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs, as follows:

- **Public Works:** The funding agency provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive.
- **EAA:** The funding agency provides investments that support a wide range of construction and non-construction activities in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. Supported activities include construction and non-construction, such as sectoral partnerships for workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs).

The EAA program is also designed to provide specific investment assistance to communities experiencing energy transitions away from nuclear, biomass, or coal. EAA assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCCs) and Biomass Closure Communities (BCC) supports communities that have been impacted, or can reasonably demonstrate they will be impacted, by closures of nuclear or biomass power plants. Similarly, EAA Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC) supports communities that have been negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.

Applicants need not specify the program for which they are applying, as the funding agency will consider the application under the most appropriate pool of funding.

Projects must be consistent with at least one of the following investment priorities of the funding agency:

- Equity
- Recovery and resilience

- Workforce development
- Manufacturing
- Technology-based economic development
- Environmentally sustainable development
- Exports and foreign direct investment

Projects must also be consistent with the region's current comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent regional economic development strategy that meets the funding agency's CEDS or strategy requirements, except for a strategy grant to develop, update, or refine a CEDS.

The funding agency is particularly interested in funding workforce development projects, including both non-construction and construction activities. Non-construction workforce projects will support demand-driven sectoral partnerships that will support citizens in securing and retaining quality jobs. Equipment costs, expenses related to securing adequate space, and other non-construction capital expenses are allowable expenses under workforce projects. Building-based construction projects should be submitted as a construction project.

For construction projects, including design and engineering, the project must be located within an eligible region. For non-construction projects, the scope of work must primarily benefit an eligible region, and stakeholders from that eligible region must be directly engaged. Projects may meet the regional eligibility criteria in one of the following ways:

- Located in a region that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in an economic development district (EDD) that is located in a region that does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria, but the funding agency determines it will be of substantial direct benefit to a geographic area within the EDD that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in a geographic area of poverty or high unemployment that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria but that is located in a region that overall does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria

The funding agency expects projects to be resilient to future disruptions, to the greatest extent possible, including the impacts of climate change. The manner in which this manifests will vary by project and may include considerations such as siting, construction methods, and construction materials.

The funding agency also expects projects to advance equity to underserved populations to the extent practicable. In this context, the funding agency is seeking projects that directly benefit one or more traditionally underserved populations or underserved communities within geographies that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic prosperity.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations; Indian Tribes; states, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of states, including special purpose units of state or local governments engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education; and private or public nonprofits acting in cooperation with officials of political subdivisions of states.

Projects must be located in regions that meet the funding agency's distress criteria. Applicants must self-define the appropriate region geographically. The geographic area comprising the region need not be contiguous or defined by political boundaries; however, it should constitute a cohesive area capable of undertaking self-sustained economic development. Applicants must provide third-party data that clearly indicates that the relevant region is subject to at least one of the following economic distress criteria:

- An unemployment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period for which data is available, at least one percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate
- A per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data is available, 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income
- A special need, as defined by the funding agency

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is expected to be available to support grants and cooperative agreements through this program, as follows:

- Public Works program: a total of \$121.5 million, no more than 15 percent of which may be spent in a single state, is available to support awards expected to range from \$600,000 to \$5 million; in the past, the average award size has been approximately \$1.4 million
- Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program: a total of \$39.5 million is available to support awards expected to range from \$150,000 to \$2.5 million; in the past, the average award size has been approximately \$650,000
- Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC): a total of \$48 million is available to support awards typically ranging from \$500,000 to \$3 million for implementation projects and from \$100,000 to \$350,000 for planning activities
- Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCC): a total of \$16.5 million is available to support awards typically ranging from \$500,000 to \$3 million for implementation projects and from \$100,000 to \$350,000 for planning activities
- Assistance to Biomass Closure Communities (BCC): a total of \$4.5 million is available to support awards typically ranging from \$500,000 to \$3 million for implementation projects and from \$100,000 to \$350,000 for planning activities

In general, applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions; however, the funding agency may fund up to 80 percent of the total project costs based on the relative needs of the region. Matching requirements will vary according to the economic distress of the region in which the project is located, as follows:

- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 225 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 50 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 200 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 60 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs

- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 175 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 65 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least one percentage point greater than the national average: applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 80 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs

In addition, the matching requirements may be waived for Indian tribes, states or political subdivisions of states that can document that they have exhausted their effective taxing and borrowing capacity, and nonprofit organizations that can document that they have exhausted their borrowing capacity.

Project periods will depend on the nature of the project for which the grant or cooperative agreement is awarded. Typically, strategy grants and non-construction projects range in duration from 12 to 24 months. Construction projects are expected to range from 12 to 48 months and are expected to be completed within five years from the award date.

Contact Information

Program contacts vary by regional office, find your regional office contact [here](#).

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Defense

Agency: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

FY 2023 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)

Grant Overview

This program is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, in order to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life. Eligible applicants are states, local governments, and nonprofit member-owned utility services owning infrastructure outside of, but supporting, a military installation.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$60 million	13
2020	\$50 million	16

Key Information

Total Funding: \$100 million

Award Range: \$250,000 - \$20 million

Match: 30 percent

Solicitation date: March 24, 2023

Proposal due: June 23, 2023

- Projects cannot be located on military installation owned or leased property and applicant must demonstrate site control for the estimated useful life of the project
- Benefitting military installation must provide a letter of support for the project

<https://oldcc.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>



Awardee Profile

Eglin Air Force Base

Walton County, FL

AMOUNT: \$3.5 million

YEAR: 2022

\$3,493,130 to Walton County, Florida in support of Eglin Air Force Base to undertake a \$4,493,130 project to construct a new fire station to enable wildland firefighting and faster deployment of emergency medical services.

Department: U.S. Department of Defense

Agency: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

FY 2023 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist states and local governments, and nonprofit member-owned utility services in addressing deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation. For the purposes of this program, a military installation is defined as a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam.

Eligible community infrastructure projects are any complete and useable transportation project; community support facility (e.g., school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other community support facility); and utility infrastructure project (e.g., water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, or other utility infrastructure (with necessary cyber safeguards)) that:

- Are on land located off of a military installation or on property under the jurisdiction of a Secretary of a military department that is subject to a real estate agreement allowing the project or facility to be located on military property (including a lease or easement)
- Support a military installation
- Are owned by a state, local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service
- Are endorsed by the installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project
- Are where ground-disturbing work has not yet commenced
- Are construction-ready

To be eligible, projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent Reserve Officer Training Corps program at a covered educational institution must meet the requirements listed above. The location of the proposed infrastructure project contributing to the training of such cadets does not necessarily have to be on the campus of the covered educational institution. However, the project must be tied to a specific, eligible independent cadet program at a covered educational institution and support a military installation.

Community infrastructure projects will be prioritized in the following order:

- Projects that will enhance military value at a military installation.
- Projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution.
- Projects that will enhance military installation resilience.
- Projects that will enhance military family quality of life at an installation.

Proposed projects enhancing military family quality of life, where applicable, should specify how the impact of the enhancement project alleviates installation commuter workforce issues and the benefit of schools or other local infrastructure located off of a military installation that will support members of the armed forces and their dependents residing in the community. Applicants are specifically encouraged to highlight whether the proposed project supports broader efforts towards minimizing potential interruptions to the mission, including energy resiliency, and other efforts to better sustain the local mission.

Proposed stormwater management projects involving retrofitting a defense access road to reduce stormwater runoff and ponding or standing water that includes the combination of stormwater runoff and water levels resulting from extreme weather conditions shall be given priority over other proposed stormwater projects.

Eligible activities include only hard construction and renovation costs, such as the costs directly associated with project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs required to execute the project, as well as costs of capital equipment affixed to the real property with a depreciable life of not less than seven years. Eligible costs include, but are not limited to, project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs. Project cost must be supported by an independent third-party cost estimate prepared by a qualified entity other than the submitting organization or the primary architectural-engineering firm designing the project.

Project proposals must include the endorsement of the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project. Proposals for projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution must include the endorsement of an installation commander for an installation benefitting from the proposed project, regardless of the distance between the covered educational institution and the installation benefitting from the project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state or local governments, and nonprofit member owned utility services. The facility addressed in the application must not be located on a military installation, unless it is on property under the jurisdiction of a military department and is subject to a real estate agreement (e.g., a lease or an easement). The facility or project itself must be owned by a State or local government or a not for profit, member owned utility.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$100 million is available to support awards ranging from \$250,000 to \$20 million through this program.

State or local government recipients must agree to contribute not less than 30% of the total funding required for the community infrastructure project. State or local government funding contributions are not required for proposed community infrastructure projects located in rural areas, defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 100,000 inhabitants. In addition, State or local government funding contributions are not required for proposed community infrastructure projects that are determined to be advantageous for reasons related to national security.

Funding must be obligated no later than September 30, 2023. Once obligated, the funding remains available for expenses within five years from the date of award.

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Department: U.S. Department of Energy

Agency: Office of State and Community Energy Programs

FY 2023 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program

Grant Overview

This program will support the creation and implementation of programs and projects that increase the rate of adoption of clean energy at the local level. The program will enable communities to reduce barriers to clean energy deployment in their local areas and make significant progress towards clean energy goals. Eligible applicants are local governments and Indian Tribes that are ineligible for the EECBG Formula Grant program.

Program History

This is a new program created through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$8.8 million

Award Range: \$200,000 - \$2 million

Match: Not Required

Solicitation Date: April 5, 2023

Proposal due: June 5, 2023 (Concept Papers), August 7, 2023 (Full Application)

<https://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-competitive-funding-announcement>



Tips

- Groups of eligible entities are encouraged to team up and submit a single application
- Priority will be given to communities in states and territories with populations less than \$2 million

Department: U.S. Department of Energy

Agency: Office of State and Community Energy Programs

FY 2023 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the creation and implementation of programs and projects that increase the rate of adoption of clean energy at the local level. The program will enable communities to reduce barriers to clean energy deployment in their local areas and make significant progress towards clean energy goals. The program encourages communities to team up with other eligible communities and important stakeholders to expand the reach and impact of the effort.

The objectives of this program are to fund applications that:

- Address barriers to clean energy deployment in communities, such that communities will make significant progress towards energy efficiency or electrification as a result of implementing the project
- Demonstrate the ability to achieve measurable and ambitious clean energy goals
- Leverage the participation and support of multiple local jurisdictions, Tribes, regional planning agencies, community-based organizations, community foundations, and relevant state offices
- Clearly articulate and demonstrate the ability to deliver on the goals of the Justice40 Initiative
- Create momentum to continue clean energy efforts beyond the grant period and/or have the ability to be replicated in other areas of the country
- Spur the creation or retention of jobs and economic development opportunities.

Projects can be funded under one of two tracks:

- Track 1- Planning, analysis, and strategy development
- Track 2 - Implementation and scaling.

Eligible activities include:

- Development and implementation of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy
- Retaining technical consultant services to assist the eligible entity in the development of such a strategy
- Conducting residential and commercial building energy audits
- Establishment of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements
- The provision of grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits
- Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity
- Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation
- Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services to promote building energy efficiency

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- Application and implementation of energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency
- Activities to increase participation and efficiency rates for material conservation programs, including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency
- The purchase and implementation of technologies to reduce, capture, and, to the maximum extent practicable, use methane and other greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar sources
- Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies
- Development, implementation, and installation on or in any government building of the eligible entity of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources, including
 - Solar energy
 - Wind energy
 - Fuel cells; and
 - Biomass.
- Programs for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure), capital investments, projects, and programs, which may include loan programs and performance contracting programs, for leveraging of additional public and private sector funds, and programs that allow rebates, grants, or other incentives for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure) measures.

Priority will be given to communities in states and territories with populations less than 2 million residents, namely Alaska, American Samoa, Delaware, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Rhode Island, South Dakota, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Additional priority will be given to projects that result in significant energy efficiency improvement or electrification.

The funding agency encourages applicants to pursue projects that directly benefit community members, especially members of disadvantaged communities. Community benefits may include creation of new jobs or economic opportunities for local companies or workers, lowered energy burdens, increased access to renewable energy, improved air quality, and increased public participation in energy decision-making processes.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments and Indian Tribes that are ineligible to receive funds through the EECBG Formula Grant program. Local governments that are **not** listed [here](#) are eligible for this program. Groups of eligible entities are encouraged to team up and submit a single application.

Eligible subrecipients under this program include institutions of higher education, for-profit entities; nonprofit entities including community-based organizations; state and local governmental entities, and Tribal nations. Nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engaged in lobbying activities after December 31, 1995, are not eligible to receive funding.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$8.8 million in funding is available to support between 10 and 20 awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$2 million. Cost sharing is not required for this program.

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Track 1 proposals and smaller awards should anticipate a 24-month period of performance. Track 2 proposals and larger awards may have a 24-36-month period of performance.

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<https://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-competitive-funding-announcement>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Energy
Agency: Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

FY 2023 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Formula Funds

Grant Overview

This program will assist states, units of local government, and Indian Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency. Eligible applicants include states, local governments, and Indian tribes.

Program History

This program was last funded in 2008 and received additional funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$431.2 million

Award Range: Formula Program - varies

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: January 18, 2023

Proposal due: April 15, 2023 (Pre-award Sheet), July 31, 2023 (States and Territories), January 31, 2024 (Local Governments and Tribes)

<https://www.energy.gov/clean-energy-infrastructure/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-formula-grant>



Tips

- All applicants are required to submit an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS) in order to receive funding. DOE has provided streamlined [EECS Templates](#) that state, local, and Tribal governments may use when submitting their EECS, but the template is not required.
- EECBG Webinar for Local Government will be held on January 26, 2023.
- Each State is also required to distribute at least 60% of their formula allocation funds to local governments that are ineligible for formula funding

Department: U.S. Department of Energy

Agency: Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

FY 2023 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Formula Funds

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist states, units of local government, and Indian Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency. Eligible uses of funds include:

- Development and implementation of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy;
- Retaining technical consultant services to assist the eligible entity in the development of such a strategy, including—
 - Formulation of energy efficiency, energy conservation, and energy usage goals;
 - Identification of strategies to achieve those goals—
 - Through efforts to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption; and
 - By encouraging behavioral changes among the population served by the eligible entity;
 - Development of methods to measure progress in achieving the goals;
 - Development and publication of annual reports to the population served by the eligible entity describing—
 - the strategies and goals; and
 - the progress made in achieving the strategies and goals during the preceding calendar year; and
 - Other services to assist in the implementation of the energy efficiency and conservation strategy;
- Conducting residential and commercial building energy audits;
- Establishment of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements;
- The provision of grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits;
- Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity, including—
 - Design and operation of the programs;
 - Identifying the most effective methods for achieving maximum participation and efficiency rates;
 - Public education;
 - Measurement and verification protocols; and
 - Identification of energy efficient technologies;
- Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation, including—
 - Use of flex time by employers;
 - Satellite work centers;

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- Development and promotion of zoning guidelines or requirements that promote energy efficient development;
- Development of infrastructure, such as bike lanes and pathways and pedestrian walkways;
- Synchronization of traffic signals; and
- Other measures that increase energy efficiency and decrease energy consumption;
- Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services to promote building energy efficiency;
- Application and implementation of energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency, including—
 - Distributed resources; and
 - District heating and cooling systems;
- Activities to increase participation and efficiency rates for material conservation programs, including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency;
- The purchase and implementation of technologies to reduce, capture, and, to the maximum extent practicable, use methane and other greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar sources;
- Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies, including—
 - Light emitting diodes; and
 - Any other technology of equal or greater energy efficiency;
- Development, implementation, and installation on or in any government building of the eligible entity of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources, including solar energy; wind energy; fuel cells; and biomass;
- Programs for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure), capital investments, projects, and programs, which may include loan programs and performance contracting programs, for leveraging of additional public and private sector funds, and programs that allow rebates, grants, or other incentives for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero emission transportation (and associated infrastructure) measures; and
- Any other appropriate activity, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with— the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; the Secretary of Transportation; and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

DOE will prioritize its review of applications based on the order in which complete applications are received and as follows:

- States
- Entities following blueprints
- Teams
- Entities with activities benefitting disadvantaged communities
- Entities with activities limited to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy Development, Technical Consultant Services (or other activities strictly limited to planning, analysis, and stakeholder engagement)
- All other applicants

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All applicants are required to submit an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS) in order to receive funding. DOE has provided streamlined EECS Templates that state, local, and Tribal governments may use when submitting their EECS, but the template is not required.

Local and Tribal entities will have the choice between a grant OR a voucher. The financial value of the voucher is expected to be equivalent to the formula award allocated to the eligible entity. Vouchers are subject to the same legislation and guidance that applies to EECBG Program formula grants, including Voucher Terms and Conditions. Vouchers will be available to formula-eligible local governments and Indian tribes for technical assistance or equipment rebates.

DOE has sought to simplify and streamline the process for local governments and Tribes that choose a voucher in lieu of a grant. Entities that opt into a voucher are not required to apply for and administer a direct federal grant. Entities choosing vouchers will instead submit a separate application using a streamlined process with reduced documentation, monitoring, and reporting requirements compared to the process of applying for and administering a federal grant. For example, if an entity opts in for a voucher, entities that have never managed a federal grant before will not be required to establish the necessary financial management systems, including accounting for federal funds, invoicing, and internal audits typically needed to comply with federal grant management requirements as described in the regulations.

Vouchers for technical assistance will be used to access support from experts, across a wide array of high-value opportunities in energy efficiency, renewable energy, transportation, and related areas.

Vouchers for equipment purchase and installation rebates will be used to reimburse entities for the purchase of energy-related equipment used to meet the program goals. Equipment eligible for rebates will span a wide range of technologies that are deployed to lower fossil fuel use or increase energy efficiency.

DOE has made Blueprints available which are step-by-step roadmaps of energy projects and programs that guide EECBG Program entities to success. See Appendix 2 of the EECBG [Application Instructions](#).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible entities include states, local governments, and Indian tribes. A list of all eligible entities can be found [here](#).

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$431.2 million will be available to support awards through this program. Of the total funding available, 69 percent will be allocated to local governments through formula grants, 29 percent will be allocated to states through formula grants, and two percent will be allocated to Indian tribes through formula grants. A list of all eligible entities and their allocation of funding can be found [here](#). The allocations for each entity are broken down as follows:

- Local Government Allocation-Alternative 1: 34 percent of the total funding (\$149.6 million) will be distributed to cities with a population of at least 35,000 or are 1 of the 10 highest populated cities in the state which the city is located in and to counties with a population of at least 200,000 or are 1 of the 10 highest populated counties in the state which the county is located. These cities and counties will receive a minimum of \$75,000 in funding.
- Local Government Allocation-Alternative 2: 34 percent of the total funding (\$149.6 million) will be distributed to cities with a population of at least 50,000 or to counties with a population of at least

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- 200,000. There is no minimum level of funding for these awards. These entities are also eligible for funding under the Local Government-Alternative 1 funding category.
- State Allocation: 28 percent of total funding (\$123.2 million) will be distributed to the states. Each state will receive a minimum of 1.25 percent of the total program funding with the remaining funding being distributed to states based on population size and energy consumption levels. Each state is required to pass through at least 60% of its allocated funding to cities and counties within the state that are ineligible for direct formula grants from DOE within 180 days of DOE approving their proposed energy efficiency and conservation strategy.
 - Tribal Allocation: 2 percent of the total funding (\$8.8 million) will be distributed to Indian Tribes with minimum awards of \$10,000.

There is no matching cost requirement for this program. Grants will consist of a three-year project period for States, and a two-year project period for local governments and Indian tribes. Vouchers to local governments and Indian tribes will be for a two-year project period.

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<https://www.energy.gov/clean-energy-infrastructure/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-formula-grant>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Energy
Agency: Golden Field Office

FY 2024 Renew America’s Schools Prize to Cooperative Agreement

Grant Overview

This program competitively selects and funds eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at public K-12 schools. The program supports the implementation of infrastructure improvements in schools, with a focus on local educational agencies (LEAs) that qualify as rural and/or high poverty. The FY 2024 competition consists of the Prize competition (Phase 1) and subsequent Cooperative Agreement (Phase 2 and Phase 3). Eligible applicants are local education agencies (LEAs) and one or more of the following: schools, nonprofit organizations, for profit organizations, or community partners.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022/2023	\$178 Million	24

Key Information and Tips

- Total Funding:** \$180 million
- Award Amounts:** Varies by project phase
- Match:** Varies by project phase
- Solicitation Date:** March 21, 2024
- Proposal Due:** June 13, 2024 (Phase 1)

- Only winners from Phase 1 will be eligible to negotiate with DOE to receive a Cooperative Agreement for Phase 2 and Phase 3 funding.

More information is available [here](#).



Awardee Profile

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)
Alexandria, VA

AMOUNT: \$4,000,000

YEAR: 2023

ACPS received funding for the following: replacement of aged HVAC boilers with high efficiency electric water heat pumps, new efficient rooftop units, building automation controls, improved filtration, replacement of existing lighting with LED fixtures, and thermal scanning to pinpoint areas where unconditioned air may enter the building.

Department: U.S. Department of Energy

Agency: Golden Field Office

FY 2024 Renew America's Schools Prize to Cooperative Agreement

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the implementation of infrastructure improvements in schools, with a focus on local educational agencies (LEAs) that qualify as rural and/or high poverty. The program will help create healthier learning environments, lower utility costs, and redirect funds to support students and teachers. The program will consist of three phases:

- Phase 1 Prize competition: In Phase 1 competitors will identify a minimum of 10 schools/school facilities to be included in their application. The portfolio may span multiple LEAs. The portfolio should exhibit a high need for energy assessments and, ultimately, energy improvements. The goal of Phase 1 is for competitors to successfully assemble their project team, assemble their portfolio of school facilities, demonstrate the need for energy improvements at schools and school facilities in the defined portfolio, and outline their process to complete the tasks in Phase 2.
- Phase 2 Cooperative Agreement: In Phase 2, Recipients conduct The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers ([ASHRAE](#)) Level 2 energy audits of all the schools/school facilities in the portfolio and develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan for implementing energy improvements. Energy audits and the Strategic Plan should provide schools with clear pathways to prioritize energy improvements, access private sector funding and/or tax credits, and realize high-impact health and safety benefits.
- Phase 3 Cooperative Agreement: In Phase 3, Recipients oversee implementation of the energy improvements identified at the end of Phase 2. DOE will work with Recipients to ensure that high-priority energy improvements are implemented within the allotted budget for Phase 3. Phase 3 should directly advance the measurable goals of energy savings and high-impact health and safety benefits outlined in Phase 1.

Energy improvements in Phase 3 may take the form of repairs, renovations, or installations to the facility envelope, air-conditioning system, ventilation system, heating system, domestic hot water heating system, compressed air system, distribution system, lighting system, power system, and/or controls of a building. Projects may also include renewable energy improvements such as rooftop solar, micro wind turbines, alternative fueled vehicle infrastructure, and purchase or lease of alternative fueled vehicles. Any improvement in a school or school facility that achieves energy savings and leads to an improvement in teacher and student health, including indoor air quality, is also allowable. Costs related to electrifying end uses to take advantage of clean energy from the electric grid are also eligible.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are LEAs and one or more of the following:

- Schools

- Nonprofit organizations that have the knowledge and capacity to partner and assist with energy improvements
- For-profit organizations that have the knowledge and capacity to partner and assist with energy improvements
- Community partners that have the knowledge and capacity to partner and assist with energy improvements

The proposed prime recipient and subrecipient(s) must be domestic entities. To qualify as a domestic entity, the entity must be organized, chartered, or incorporated (or otherwise formed) under the laws of a particular state or territory of the United States; have majority domestic ownership and control; and have a physical place of business in the United States. The following types of domestic entities are eligible to participate as a prime recipient or subrecipient of this Cooperative Agreement:

- Institutions of higher education
- For-profit entities.
- Non-profit entities
- State and local governmental entities, and Tribal Nations.

Only Phase 1 Prize winners are eligible to enter into negotiations with DOE for a Cooperative Agreement (encompassing Phase 2 and Phase 3 awards).

Funding

In FY 2024, \$180 million is available to support awards across all three project phases as follows:

- Phase 1: Up to \$6.9 million is available to support up to 23 awards of up to \$300,000
- Phase 2: Awards of \$500,000 - \$1 million per recipient are anticipated to be made
- Phase 3: Awards of \$7 million - \$14 million per recipient are anticipated to be made

All projects must have a minimum of 10 schools per portfolio. Maximum requests will vary depending on portfolio size.

Awards for Phase 1 are anticipated to be made in August 2024. The funding agency anticipates making awards that will run up to 60 months in length across Budget Period 1 and 2.

Matching and Cost Sharing

A minimum 5% cost share is required for Phase 2 and a minimum 25% cost share is required for Phase 3. No cost share is required for Phase 1.

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Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Grant Overview

The Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) program provides support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change. Program priorities for FY 2023 are to incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities, incorporate nature-based solutions, enhance climate resilience and adaptation, and increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes. Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. **Local governments may apply as a sub-applicant through their state specific process.**

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$1 billion	53

Key Information

Total Funding: \$1 billion
Award Range: Varies
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: October 12, 2023
Proposal due: February 29, 2024

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>



Awardee Profile

County of Nevada,
California

AMOUNT: \$31,030,000

YEAR: 2021

The County of Nevada received pass-through funding to use nature-based solutions and a multi-faceted approach to directly address wildfire risk to lives, homes and community lifelines through home-hardening and near-home defensible space vegetation management, landscape level fuel modification, and community education.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future. The guiding principles of the program include supporting communities through capability and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions; promoting partnerships; enabling large, systems-based projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency. Through these efforts communities are able to better understand disaster risk and vulnerabilities, conduct community-driven resilience, hazard mitigation planning, and design transformational projects and programs.

The program aims to shift the focus of federal investments away from reactive, post-disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investments in community resilience. These investments aim to reduce future disaster losses, including loss of life and property as well as future spending from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). BRIC focuses on cost-effective mitigation measures including protecting public infrastructure so that critical services can withstand or more rapidly recover from future disasters, as well as other projects and activities to increase resilience throughout the nation. Through the program, the funding agency can engage state, local, tribal, and territorial partners in enhancing climate resilience and adaptation through systems-based, community-wide investments. The funding agency is including new provisions to implement the [Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act](#), a new law which aims to direct public and private resilience investments in communities that are most vulnerable to natural hazards.

The program objectives are to:

- Increase climate literacy among the emergency management community, including awareness of natural hazard risks and knowledge of best practices for mitigation
- Increase awareness of stakeholders and partners with capabilities to support mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery
- Ensure more innovative risk-informed mitigation projects are developed and completed, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions
- Assist communities identify and mitigate the risks to natural hazards and their own threats from climate change.
- Direct increased resources to eliminate disparities in equitable outcomes across underserved communities

The program priorities are to:

- Incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities as referenced in [Executive Order 14008](#)
- Incorporate nature-based solutions including those designed to reduce carbon emissions
- Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

The program encourages mitigation projects that meet multiple program priorities.

Financial assistance awards will be provided for the following activities:

- Capability- and Capacity-building Activities: enhancing the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning related activities, and other activities.
- Hazard Mitigation Projects (construction): cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure (including natural systems) from a multitude of natural hazards and the effects of climate change.
- Management Costs: financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount up to 15 percent of the total amount of the grant award, of which not more than 10 percent of the total award amount may be used by the recipient and 5 percent by the subrecipient for such costs generally.

Applicants may also request non-financial direct technical assistance via the [BRIC Technical Assistance](#) program which supports the development of climate resilience planning and project design in, and with, underserved and/or disadvantaged communities, and federally recognized tribal governments that are disproportionately affected by natural hazard risk and climate change.

In accordance with the BRIC program's guiding principle of promoting equity and in implementing the Justice40 Initiative, the BRIC program is prioritizing assistance that benefits disadvantaged communities as referenced in EO 14008 and subsequent guidance. BRIC is prioritizing assistance to disadvantaged or Justice40 communities as identified by the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#), an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a) as a small impoverished community), or a Community Disaster Resilience Zone (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5136(a)(1)).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. Eligible applicants must have had a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act in the seven years prior to the annual application period and have an approved state or tribal hazard mitigation plan in accordance with Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 201 by the application deadline.

Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments, may choose to apply as sub-applicants and request financial assistance from their state, territory, or tribal applicant agency. Many states have fixed subapplication deadlines that precede the application deadline. Contact your [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) to learn about its sub-application process.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$1 billion in funding will be available to support awards. Of the total amount, funding will be allocated as follows:

- State/territory Allocation: a total of \$112 million is available to support awards of up to \$2 million.
- Tribal Set-aside: a total of \$50 million is available to support awards of up to \$2 million.
- State/territory Building Code Plus-Up: a total of \$2 million is available to support awards to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities
- Tribal Building Code Plus-Up: a total of \$25 million is available to support awards to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities
- National Competition: a total of \$50 million is available to support awards of up to \$50 million.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the project costs via nonfederal cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof; however, the match requirement is decreased to 10 percent of the project costs for economically disadvantaged rural community applicants and federally recognized Indian tribal government. Projects performed within, and/or that primarily benefit a designated Community Disaster Resilience Zone also have a decreased cost sharing requirement of 10 percent of the total project costs.

Award recipients may be reimbursed for management costs that include indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount of up to 15 percent of the award, of which not more than 10 percent of the total award may be used by the recipient and 5 percent by the subrecipient for such costs.

The project period will last for 36 months, starting on the date of award.

Contact Information

For general questions about the BRIC program can be directed to the appropriate [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) or [FEMA Regional Office](#).

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Grant Overview

This program helps states, tribes, and territories enact mitigation measures following a presidential major disaster declaration that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar offices of the 50 states, U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribes. Sub-applicants include state agencies, tribes, local governments or communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

Program History

A program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: Program opens after the announcement of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

Proposal due: Varies by State

<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>



Tips

- State and local governments may apply for funding under this program through a state's governor in eligible communities within a state, tribe, or territory
- Applicants must have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation plan
- The process for states and local governments to receive funding under this program is further explained by FEMA [here](#)

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help states, tribes, and territories develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild following a presidential major disaster declaration in a way that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Awards will be provided for hazard mitigation activities that include long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters.

For the purposes of this program, hazard mitigation includes long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters. Eligible risk reduction projects include:

- Planning and enforcement, including:
 - Developing and adopting hazard mitigation plans
 - Acquisition of hazard-prone homes and businesses that will enable owners to relocate to safer areas
 - Post-disaster code enforcement
- Flood protection, including:
 - Protecting homes and businesses with permanent barriers to prevent floodwater from entering
 - Elevating structure above known flood levels to prevent and reduce losses
 - Reconstructing a damaged dwelling on an elevated foundation to prevent and reduce future flood losses
 - Drainage improvement projects to reduce flooding
- Retrofitting, including:
 - Structural retrofits to make a building more resistant to floods, earthquakes, wind, wildfire, and other natural hazards
 - Retrofits to utilities and other infrastructure to enhance resistance to natural hazards
- Construction, including:
 - Construction of safe rooms for both communities and individual residences in areas prone to hurricane and tornado activity
 - Slope stabilization projects to prevent and reduce losses to structures

This program only accepts applications following an applicable presidential major disaster declaration. Should the program open, applicable disaster declarations and deadlines to apply for this program will be posted online at www.fema.gov/disasters. Sub-applicants should check State Emergency Operations websites to learn about State HMGP deadlines.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar officers of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and federally recognized tribes. Each state, territory, commonwealth, or federally recognized tribe must designate one agency to serve as the applicant. All interested sub applicants must apply to the applicant. Eligible sub applicants include state agencies, federally recognized tribes, local governments/communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

Applicants must have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)- approved mitigation plan at the time of the presidential major disaster declaration, and at the time HMGP funding is obligated to the recipient or subrecipient. There is no mitigation plan requirement for the development of a new mitigation plan.

Funding

In FY 2023, there is an unspecified amount of funding available to support awards through this program. The maximum amount of funding available is calculated using a “sliding scale” formula based on a percentage of the estimated total federal assistance available under the Stafford Act, excluding administrative costs for each presidential major disaster declaration.

Applicants with a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved state or tribal standard mitigation plan may receive:

- Up to 15 percent of the first \$2 billion of the estimated aggregate amount of disaster assistance
- Up to 10 percent for the next portion of the estimated aggregate amount more than \$2 billion and up to \$10 billion
- Up to 7.5 percent for the next portion of the estimate aggregate amount more than \$10 billion and up to \$35,333,000,000

Applicants with a FEMA-approved state or tribal enhanced mitigation plan are eligible to receive up to 20 percent of the estimated total federal assistance under the Stafford Act, not to exceed \$35,333,000,000, excluding administrative costs authorized for the disaster. Advance assistance may be available in the amount of up to 25 percent of the HMGP ceiling or \$10 million, whichever is less, to applicants/sub applicants to accelerate the implementation of the program.

For presidential major disaster declarations for all hazards, an additional 5 percent of the grantee's HMGP ceiling may be used to fund hazard mitigation activities. Grantees may request a flat percentage rate of 4.89 percent of the projected eligible program costs for management costs.

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The program period of performance will begin with the opening of the application period and end no later than 36 months from the close of the application period.

Contact Information

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<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program Entitlement Communities

Grant Overview

This program supports the development of viable urban communities by funding entitled cities and counties to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income individuals. Award recipients may use funds to conduct a variety of community-based activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and community services, facilities, and improvements. Eligible applicants are entitlement communities that are principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and qualified urban counties with a population of at least 200,000.

Program History

Year	Total Funding
2023	\$2.305 billion
2022	\$2.305 billion

Key Information

Total Funding: \$2.3051 billion

Award Range: Varies based on allocation formula

Match: Not required

Proposal due: Varies based on Entitlement Community

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/cdbg-entitlement-program-eligibility-requirements/>



Tips

- Entitlement communities and annual allocations can be found at You can look up entitlement communities [here](#)
- At least 70 percent of funding must serve beneficiaries who are low- and moderate-income persons

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program Entitlement Communities

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the development of viable urban communities by funding entitled cities and counties to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income individuals. Award recipients may use funds to conduct a variety of community-based activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and community services, facilities, and improvements. In addition, activities must be based on the priorities of the entitlement community.

The principal beneficiaries of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are low- and moderate-income persons, generally defined as a member of a family having an income equal to or less than the Section 8 low-income limit established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG funds must be used for activities that meet at least one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income individuals
- Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency that the applicant cannot finance without assistance

Eligible activities include:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation
- Clearance and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, and neighborhood centers
- Provision of public services, within program limitations
- Activities related to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Assistance to microenterprises or other for-profit entities when the recipient determines that such assistance is appropriate to carry out an economic development project

Award recipients must develop and follow a detailed plan that provides for and encourages citizen participation, particularly among persons of low- or moderate-income residing in lower income, slum, or blighted areas, or areas in which program funds will be utilized.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are entitlement communities that are principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and qualified urban counties with a population of at least 200,000.

Eligibility for participation as an entitlement community is based on population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and metropolitan area delineations published by the Office of Management and Budget.

Funding

In FY 2023, an estimated \$2,305,100,000 is available to support formula allocations through this program. Funds generally support annual activities; however, activities may generally be continued beyond one year until they are deemed completed. Funds may serve eligible beneficiaries for a one-, two-, or three-year period, as decided by the award recipient, and at least 70 percent of funding must serve beneficiaries who are low- and moderate-income persons.

Matching and Cost Share

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the applicant's local HUD Field Office. A list of local offices can be found online at www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/staff#fieldoffices.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/cdbg-entitlement-program-eligibility-requirements/>