

# The Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)



DNREC DIVISION OF  
**CLIMATE, COASTAL  
AND ENERGY**

Energy Programs

# Overview

- ❖ EECBG is a grant program designed to assist states, local governments, and tribes to implement strategies to:
  - Reduce energy use
  - Reduce fossil fuel emissions
  - Improve energy efficiency
- ❖ Delaware's grant allocation is \$1.6M, being administered by the Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy (DCCE)
  - Approximately \$1M will be used for local governments and tribal communities
  - Remaining funding is planned for a solar shelter in each county

# Program Goals

## ❖ Reduction of Fossil Fuels and Energy Use

- Addressing direct issues relating to greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption

## ❖ Advancements in Energy Efficiency

- Promoting fuel-switching and electrification

## ❖ Equity and Environmental Justice

- Ensuring engagement and involvement with disadvantaged and tribal communities while supporting widespread distribution of funding

## ❖ Workforce Development

- Encouraging the increase of clean energy and energy efficiency jobs to fully execute the state's goals towards a more sustainable future



# Eligibility

- ❖ Local governments and tribal communities are all eligible except for those listed in Delaware's top ten most populous cities:

- ❖ Wilmington

- ❖ Newark

- ❖ Elsmere

- ❖ Middletown

- ❖ Dover

- ❖ Smyrna

- ❖ Milford

- ❖ Millsboro

- ❖ Georgetown

- ❖ Seaford

# Eligible Projects

## Renewable Energy Projects

- ❖ Rooftop solar
- ❖ Solar carports
- ❖ Solar street lighting
- ❖ Battery storage
- ❖ Geothermal energy measures
- ❖ Wind energy measures

## Energy Efficiency Projects

- ❖ HVAC equipment
- ❖ Lighting replacements
- ❖ Lighting and HVAC control upgrades
- ❖ Building code updates
- ❖ Heat pumps
- ❖ Energy audits

## Others

- ❖ Biofuel production
- ❖ Wastewater treatment
- ❖ Tree planting
- ❖ Recycling programs
- ❖ Preserving natural resources
- ❖ Public energy education

For more eligible projects please visit <https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/EECBG/eligible-projects.pdf>

# Application Period

- ❖ **June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>**
- ❖ Local governments and tribal communities submit project proposals in the form of concept papers to DCCE. These papers:
  - **Describe the intended project.**
  - **Describe how the intended project meets objectives listed in the [EECBG rubric](#).**
  - **Include any other supplemental information.**
- ❖ DCCE has formed a review team to evaluate and prioritize the proposed projects. They will provide their assessment to DCCE for a final recommendation of projects to receive awards.
- ❖ Concept papers should be emailed to DCCE and the review team via Chloe Hennig, at [chloe.hennig@delaware.gov](mailto:chloe.hennig@delaware.gov)

# Applicant Considerations

- ❖ **Davis Bacon compliance**
  - Prevailing wage applies
- ❖ **Buy American requirements**
  - American-made products
- ❖ **Justice40 Initiatives\***
  - Project(s) serve disadvantaged communities and applicant utilizes a J40 mapping tool
- ❖ **Cost share\***
  - If project is over \$100K
- ❖ **Reporting requirements**
  - Quarterly reporting during project implementation

*\*Both the Justice40 Initiatives and the cost match are not required but highly encouraged. Refer to the [EECBG rubric](#) for more information.*

# Thank you!

## Questions?

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