

Meeting Invitation
Workshop - Grants for Climate and Energy Planning
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m.

We are hosting an online workshop about applying for energy planning grants through the [Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant \(EECBG\) Program](#) on Tuesday, May 21st, from 2-3:30 p.m. The workshop will help you prepare an application. More information about the opportunity can be found below.

The Illinois EPA Energy Office is offering Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) to help local governments develop energy and/or climate plans, as well as update existing plans. These plans can build on both our Greenest Region Compact (GRC) sustainability pledge and our regional Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region, as well as utilize [helpful tools from the Department of Energy](#).

IEPA Energy Projects Coordinator Adena Rivas will provide an overview of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. **Applications are due June 17.**

The [Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant](#) (EECBG) Program:

- Offers grants from \$25,000 - \$150,000 for community energy and climate planning. No match is required. Grants are reimbursable.
- Only EECBG non-entitlement communities that *did not* receive direct EECBG formula funding are eligible. (Please see this list of [ineligible entitlement communities](#) that did receive formula funding.)
- Projects are to be completed roughly between September 2024 and July 2026.
- Funds can be used to hire a consultant or pay staff.
- Four basic steps using [DOE Blueprint for Community Energy Planning](#) are to be followed.
- Communities identified as environmental justice using [Illinois' EJ Start tool](#) are most competitive (red areas most competitive). There are other ways to submit a competitive application, which include being a municipal electric utility or forming partnerships.

A separate funding opportunity will be announced in the near future to specifically fund projects that are identified in communities' Energy Plans, which can include energy efficiency upgrades (e.g., installation of insulation, energy efficiency lighting, HVAC upgrades, weather sealing, retrofit and replacement of windows and doors, etc.).