# EECBG Application Overview and State-Local Clean Energy Partnerships

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#### Agenda

- Webinar Logistics
- NASEO and NLC Welcome
- EECBG Application Overview
- Panel: "Local-State Coordination and Partnerships"
- Presentation: "Programs and Policies in a Box Platform"



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#### Logistics

- Your questions and comments are encouraged! Please use the Q&A feature on your Zoom webinar screen to submit questions, comments, and ideas.
- NASEO will post a recording of the webinar on its website, www.naseo.org, in the next few days.
- If you have any questions about NASEO, please contact Grace Lowe (glowe@naseo.org) or Sandy Fazeli (sfazeli@naseo.org).
- Thank you for being here and for your interest in EECBG!



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#### About Us

- National League of Cities Organization comprising city, town and village leaders that are focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents
- National Association of State Energy Officials National non-profit association for the governor-designated energy officials from each of the 56 states and territories
- E4TheFuture E4TheFuture is dedicated to bringing clean, efficient energy home for every American.



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### **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

- The <u>Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant</u> (EECBG) supports states, local governments, tribes and territories **to reduce energy use**, **reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency**.
- The program encompasses a variety of projects that focus on improving climate and energy use at the state and local level.
- DOE's One-Stop-Shop: <u>https://www.energy.gov/scep/eecbg-program-</u> formula-grant-application-hub







## **Types of Grant Funding**

- Formula Grants to <u>1,878 local governments</u>, <u>56 states and territories</u>, 774 Indian Tribes
  - States are required to pass through 60% of their funds to small communities that are not already receiving funds directly from DOE
- Competitive Grants to communities not directly eligible based on population.
- **Timing** 3 year project and budget period for states; 2-year terms for local and tribal recipients (for both grants and vouchers). Time adjustments may be granted on a case-by-case basis.







#### State and Territory Sub-Grants

#### • Subgrant Requirement

- Each state receiving an EECBG grant must use no less than 60% to provide subgrants to local governments that are not eligible for direct formula grants from DOE

 Exempt - DC, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, and U.S. Virgin Islands Summary of Limitations on Use of Funds

	State	Formula-eligible unit of local government and Formula- eligible Indian tribe	Formula-ineligible unit of local government and Formula-ineligible Indian tribe
Limit on administrative expenses including the cost of the reporting requirements	Not more than 10% of the amounts provided to the State	Not more than the greater of a. 10% of the amount provided to the eligible unit of local gov't (or eligible Tribe); or b. \$75,000	None
Amount required to be provided as subgrants to formula-ineligible units of local government	Not less than 60% of the amount provided to the State (subgrantees must be within the jurisdiction of the State)	None	None

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## **Eligible Activities**

- 1. Strategy development
- 2. Technical consultant services
- 3. Building energy audits
- 4. Financial incentive programs
- 5. Energy efficiency retrofits
- 6. Energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities
- 7. Development and implementation of transportation programs
- 8. Building codes and inspections
- 9. Energy distribution tech. for energy efficiency







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10. Material conservation programs

- 11. Reduction and capture of methane and greenhouse gases
- 12. Traffic signals and street lighting
- 13. Renewable energy technologies on government buildings
- 14. Programs for financing, purchasing and installing energy efficiency, renewable energy and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure) measures

#### Additional EECBG Considerations

- Applicants must submit an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy describing goals and plan for using the funds to meet goals.
- **Optional voucher program** cities (but **not** states) can choose to receive a voucher for technical assistance or equipment rebate.
- **Blueprints** high-impact projects and programs based on proven practices.
- Justice40 Map investments to disadvantaged communities + consider policy priorities that align with Justice40 initiatives. OMB Guidance (January 27, 2023) directs federal agencies to transition to Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)
- Cost Match Not required
- Build America, Buy American Project-specific; waivers may be granted.
- Davis Bacon (Prevailing Wage) Applies.









#### Key Dates and Deadlines

- All applicants must submit a pre-award information sheet by April 28, 2023.
  - Register on SAM.gov and FedConnect now
- Full applications
  - States due July 31, 2023
  - Local governments due Jan. 31, 2024
- DOE will review and approve applications based on type of application + project type.







#### Local and State Leaders







#### Nick Palumbo Alderman City of Savannah, GA



National Association of State Energy Officials Pat Showalter, PE Vice Mayor City of Mountain View, CA



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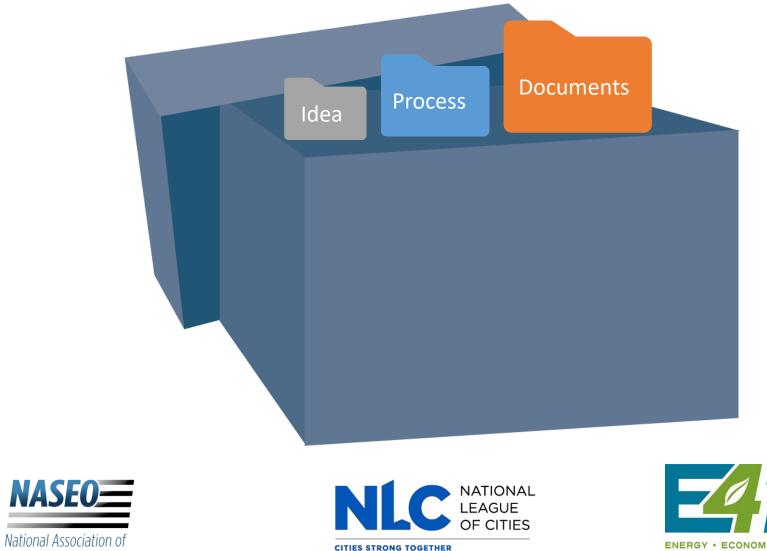
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#### Programs/Policies In a Box Platform Structure



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#### List of "Boxes"

- Programs In a Box
  - Energy Code Circuit Rider
  - Energy Code Compliance Field Studies
  - Shared Energy Facility Manager
  - Smart Communities Plan First
  - Weatherization Readiness
  - Workforce Development
- Policies In a Box
  - Model EV Supply Equipment Permitting Ordinance







### **Poll Question**

Which "blueprint" topics are you most interested in NASEO/E4 developing into a Program or Policy In a Box? (pick three)

- A. Energy Planning
- B. Energy Efficiency
- C. Solar and battery storage PPAs
- D. Community Solar
- E. Solarize Campaign
- F. Renewable Resource Planning for Communities
- G. EV for Municipal Fleets
- H. EV Community Charging Infrastructure
- I. Sustainable Financing Solutions for Energy Projects/Programs
- J. Workforce Development







#### Want to Get Connected?

- Are you in regular communication with local governments or your State Energy Office?
- Do you need help getting connected to your counterpart NASEO/NLC member?



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#### **Additional Resources**

- <u>DOE EECBG Hub</u> links to formula allocations, pre-award information sheet, award administrative and legal requirements, Strategy template, webinar recordings.
- <u>NASEO-NLC blog</u> on state and local partnership opportunities.
- <u>NASEO Infrastructure Hub</u> with information and resources on EECBG, Buy American, and Prevailing Wage
- <u>E4TheFuture-NASEO Programs in a Box</u> resources



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#### Questions? Get in Touch.







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