



# **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program**

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Iowa Energy Office to receive  
\$2,004,050

## Receiving direct federal allocations:

|                      |   |           |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| • Ames               | - | \$128,040 |
| • Ankeny             | - | \$124,300 |
| • Bettendorf         | - | \$76,290  |
| • Cedar Falls        | - | \$76,450  |
| • Cedar Rapids       | - | \$185,610 |
| • Cerro Gordo County | - | \$76,530  |
| • Council Bluffs     | - | \$122,870 |
| • Clinton County     | - | \$76,610  |
| • Dallas County      | - | \$77,020  |
| • Davenport          | - | \$155,580 |
| • Des Moines         | - | \$245,640 |
| • Dubuque            | - | \$123,070 |
| • Dubuque County     | - | \$76,330  |
| • Iowa City          | - | \$136,380 |
| • Johnson County     | - | \$77,580  |
| • Linn County        | - | \$76,710  |
| • Marion             | - | \$76,340  |
| • Marshall County    | - | \$76,390  |
| • Muscatine County   | - | \$76,520  |
| • Polk County        | - | \$79,550  |
| • Sioux City         | - | \$140,390 |
| • Urbandale          | - | \$76,590  |
| • Waterloo           | - | \$129,180 |
| • Warren County      | - | \$76,660  |
| • West Des Moines    | - | \$131,740 |



# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs

|                                  |                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Total Award Amount = \$2,004,050 |                  |                    |
| Awarded Round 1                  | \$1,333,795      | 67%                |
| Second Round Available           | ~\$469,850       | 23%                |
| <i>Admin Set Aside</i>           | <i>\$200,405</i> | <i>10% maximum</i> |

# Eligible Project Focus Areas

- Project Must Support Downtown Enhancement
- Strategic Activities of Interest
  - Replacing existing streetlights and traffic signals with more efficient lighting
  - Improving energy efficiency of existing exterior building and public space lighting
  - Installing public electric vehicle charging infrastructure (must be at least Level II charging capability)



# Local Match

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- Match Requirements
  - No local match required
  - Projects with local match will receive review points



# Application Screening Criteria

- Application is complete and submitted through IowaGrants
- Applicant is an eligible candidate
- Funding request meets eligible project and eligible expense requirements
- Request is for at least \$10,000 and no more than \$200,000
- Project duration does not exceed September 30, 2026
- Applicant confirmed local match, if applicable, has been secured
- Applications must achieve a minimum score of 75 out of 125 to be considered for award. (60%)

| Evaluation Criteria  | Total Points |
|--|--------------|
| Application is complete  | Prerequisite |
| Applicant and proposed activity are eligible   | Prerequisite |
| Request is $\geq \$10,000$ and $\leq \$200,000$  | Prerequisite |
| Capacity and plan to administer grant in full compliance with federal requirements                   | Prerequisite |
| Readiness to proceed and project timeline  | 20           |
| Proposal supports existing local downtown plan   | 20           |
| Project impact on energy use/cost and fossil fuel emissions  | 15           |
| Does the proposal demonstrate how the project will benefit the community?                            | 15           |
| Amount of cost share and cost share is secured   | 15           |
| Does the proposal clearly describe the project goals?  | 10           |
| Project is NEPA categorically excluded or exempt from Section 106                                    | 10           |
| Innovativeness of project  | 5            |
| Long-term project sustainability   | 5            |
| Does proposal commit to reinvesting energy savings into future energy efficiency/renewable projects? | 5            |
| Project replicability  | 5            |

# Eligible and Ineligible Costs

## Eligible Costs

Only expenditures directly related to the implementation of the funded grant activity will be reimbursed. Examples of eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase of materials and equipment
- Developing and installing energy efficiency improvements
- Developing and installing renewable energy projects
- Contracted project services
- Direct administration costs
- Federal grant requirements administration

## Ineligible Costs

Examples of ineligible costs as determined by IEDA include, but are not limited to:

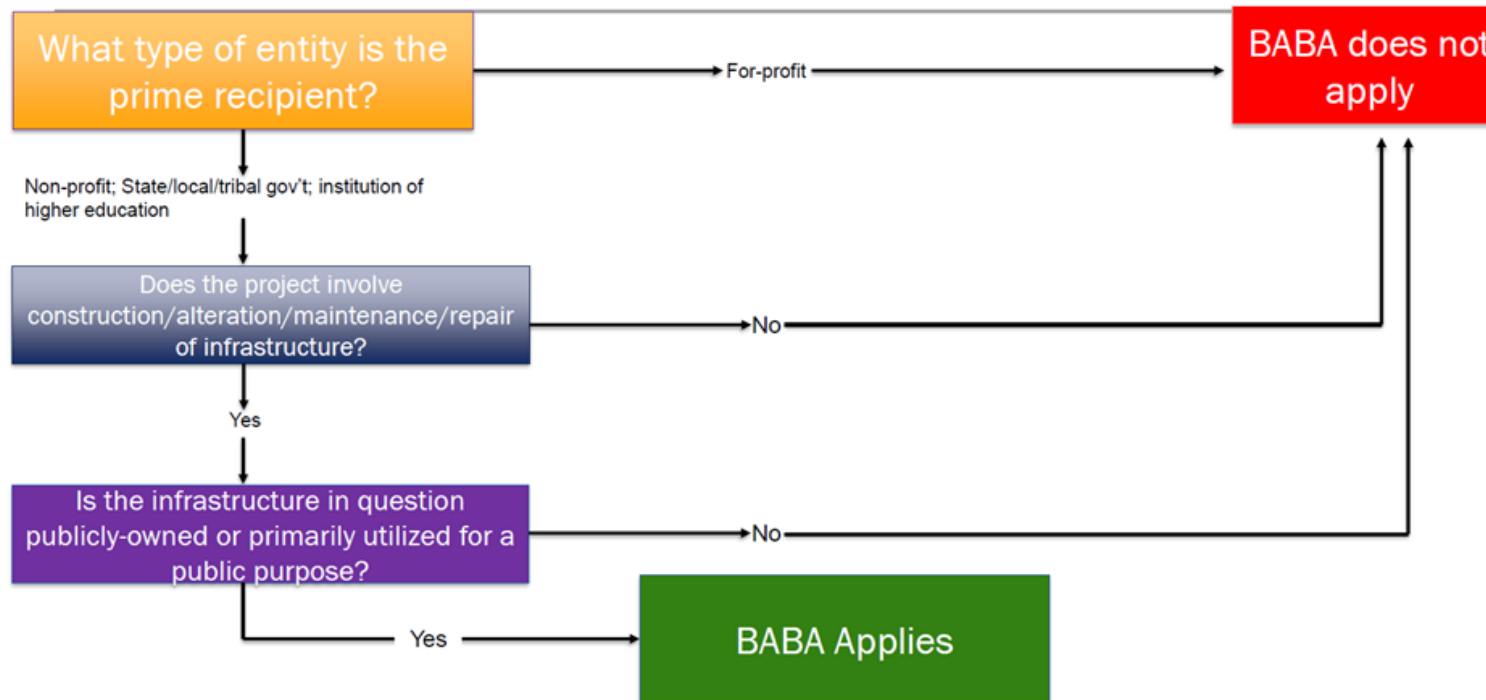
- Purchase or rental of buildings
- Office equipment
- Furniture and fixtures
- Intangible assets
- International travel
- Insurance
- Phone expenses

# Federal Requirements

- Federal Procurement ([2 CFR 200.317-327 and 2 CFR Part 910](#))
  - **ALL PROCUREMENT MUST FOLLOW FEDERAL & STATE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS**
- Build America, Buy America ([BABA](#))
- NEPA ([Environmental Review](#))
- [NHPA/Section 106 and Programmatic Agreement](#)
- Davis-Bacon Wages ([DOE Desk Guide to Davis-Bacon Act](#))
  - Force Account exclusion (not contractor or subcontractor)

# Build America, Buy America

BABA “Does it apply” Flow Chart



- The IIJA’s definition of “infrastructure” encompasses public infrastructure projects. Thus, the term “infrastructure” includes, at a minimum, the structures, facilities, and equipment for, in the United States, roads, highways, and bridges; public transportation; dams, ports, harbors, and other maritime facilities; intercity passenger and freight railroads; freight and intermodal facilities; airports; water systems, including drinking water and wastewater systems; electrical transmission facilities and systems; utilities; broadband infrastructure; and buildings and real property. 17 Agencies should treat structures, facilities, and equipment that generate, transport, and distribute energy - including electric vehicle (EV) charging - as infrastructure. When determining if a program has infrastructure expenditures, Federal agencies should interpret the term “infrastructure” broadly and consider the definition provided above as illustrative and not exhaustive.

# Build America, Buy America

A large construction crane is silhouetted against a bright, orange-hued sunset sky. The crane's arm extends diagonally across the upper half of the frame. Below the crane, the skeletal framework of a building under construction is visible, with several workers silhouetted as they work on the structure. The overall scene conveys a sense of industrial activity and infrastructure development.

## ○ Waivers

- Possible waiver for projects costing <\$250,000
- Waiver still must be approved
- No guarantee a waiver will be approved
- Projects should seek to avoid need for a waiver

# Reporting Requirements – Quarterly/Annually

- Energy retrofits/energy efficiency improvements made
- Streetlights/traffic signals replaced
- Project costs (currency)
- Energy and energy costs saved
- Renewable energy installed
- National Environmental Policy Act Log
- Historic preservation report
- Davis-Bacon Act (weekly payrolls, work site interviews)
- Job creation

# Resources & Technical Assistance

- Grant Administration
  - More complex projects can include contracting \$ for grant administration in grant application
  - If contracting for grant administrator, use administrator with federal grant administration experience



# Timeline

| Activity   | Estimated Date<br>(subject to change) |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Program information on Iowa EECBG Program webpage          | 6/2/2025                              |
| Application posted on IowaGrants.gov                       | 6/2/2025                              |
| Program application details webinar                        | 6/11/2025                             |
| Application deadline                                       | 8/1/2025                              |
| Preliminary selection by IEDA & 30-day notification to DOE | 8/22/2025                             |
| Award contracts executed                                   | 9/5/2025                              |
| Training for award recipients                              | 9/25/2025                             |

# Project Examples

1. [Streetlight Efficiency](#) – Replace inefficient streetlight lamps with LED lamps. Report from Municipal Solid-State Street Lighting Consortium
2. Atlantic
  1. Replaced 100 streetlight lamps with LED
  2. ~\$50,000/year savings
  3. 835,231 kWh annual savings projected
3. Muscatine
  1. Replacing ~280 security lights with LED across the city
  2. ~\$22,000/year savings
  3. ~157,000 kWh annual savings projected
4. [Iowa League of Cities](#)

## Next Steps

- Visit [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) to get a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- Establish [IowaGrants.gov](http://IowaGrants.gov) login account

# Questions?

EECBG Program Webpage

<https://opportunityiowa.gov/community/energy/grants-funding/eecbg-program>

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## EECBG FAQ

### **Do communities need to have a designated Downtown District in order to qualify?**

No. A community does NOT need to have a designated downtown district in order to qualify. Projects could identify downtown as the community's zoned central commercial business district or the area of the community where commercial business has historically taken place. In your application, please describe your project's location, include a map of the project area, describe how the project area meets the definition of downtown for your community, and elaborate on how the project will support local downtown enhancement efforts.

### **Can a project be to strictly purchase items that won't be installed until after the project completion deadline of September 30, 2026?**

No.

### **For projects replacing streetlights, does that include the entire fixtures, not bulbs and more efficient bulbs?**

Streetlight projects can include replacing just the bulb or replacing the light fixture and bulb. SPECIAL NOTE: The Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirement does NOT apply to projects only installing more efficient bulbs. BABA; however, does apply to projects replacing the light fixture.

### **Does replacing mean that the fixtures have to be in the exact same place as current fixtures?**

No. The new fixture could be installed in a different location in close proximity to the existing fixture being replaced. Streetlight projects cannot add streetlights where there were no streetlights before. The streetlight project must result in an energy use savings.

### **Do inside LED lighting and fixture upgrades qualify?**

No. The emphasis for this round of EECBG funding is on downtown exterior lighting-related projects.

### **Can EECBG competitive grant funds to support design assistance for energy projects be layered with this program?**

Yes.