



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

- 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:

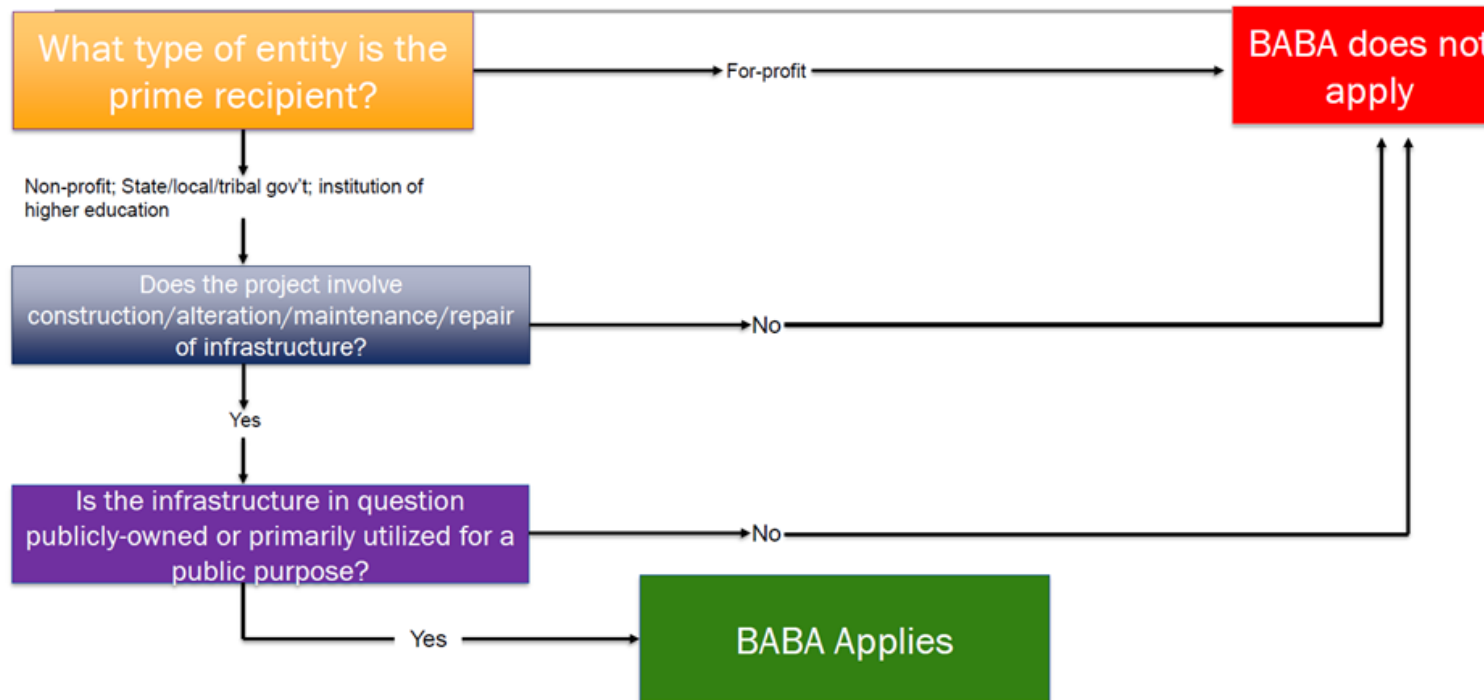
- Purchase or rental of buildings
- Office equipment
- Furniture and fixtures
- Intangible assets
- International travel
- Insurance
- Phone expenses

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 from the top right towards the center. Below it, 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 (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 to get a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- Establish IowaGrants.gov login account

Questions?

EECBG Program Webpage

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

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