

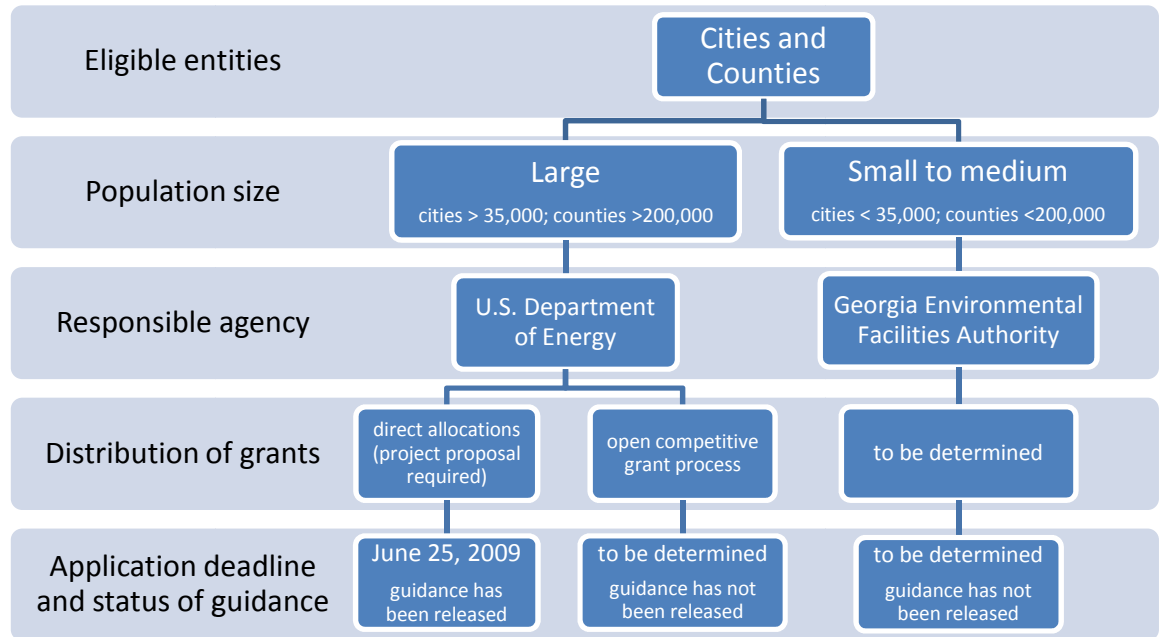


# Georgia's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

available through the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority

Georgia local governments may apply for grants to fund projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and that improve energy efficiency through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG).

## Determine Eligibility



## Eligible activities

Funds can be used community-wide, not only for government owned facilities and infrastructure. A list of eligible activities for use of program funds is provided in Section 544, Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA). The following activities are eligible:

- Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy and technical consultant services to assist in the development of such a strategy.
  - Residential and commercial building energy audits.
  - Financial incentive programs and mechanisms for energy efficiency improvements such as energy savings performance contracting, on-bill financing, and revolving loan funds.
  - Grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for performing energy efficiency retrofits.
  - Energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities.
  - Development and implementation of transportation programs to conserve energy.
  - Building codes and inspections to promote building energy efficiency.
  - Energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency, including distributed resources, combined heat and power, and district heating and cooling systems.
  - Material conservation programs including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency.
  - Reduction and capture of methane and greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar waste-related sources.
  - Energy efficient traffic signals and street lighting.
  - Renewable energy technologies on government buildings.
- Any other appropriate activity that meets the purposes of the program and is approved by DOE and / or GEFA.

## Technical Assistance

Local governments that intend to apply for EECBG funds should begin developing a strategic energy efficiency and sustainability strategy. See a preliminary list below of local government consultants who can provide guidance and assistance. GEFA does not provide technical assistance, nor does GEFA endorse any organizations listed below.

- **Regional Development Centers (RDCs)** are governmental regional planning organizations that assist their member local governments. They provide professional technical assistance to state and federal agencies as well as to local governments in advancing quality growth and development. Please find your local Regional Development Center at [http://www.gadata.org/information\\_services/reg1.htm](http://www.gadata.org/information_services/reg1.htm).
- **Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA)** is a Georgia-based nonprofit that offers assistance to local governments with SEP and Block Grant stimulus-funded projects. SEEA provides direct support, strategic regional and market coordination, and tools, materials and/or guidelines. For more information contact Ben Taube, executive director, at 404-931-1518 or [cities@seealliance.org](mailto:cities@seealliance.org).
- **Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)** helps its members access new ARRA funding to help them meet their climate action and sustainability goals. Check the ICLEI Web site for the latest economic recovery funding updates and application instructions or contact Cyrus Bhedwar at 404-865-8637.

### FAQs:

1. **Can schools, libraries, or public hospitals apply to GEFA for EECBG funding?** No. These institutions must contact the city or county in which they reside and work with them to be included in any proposal.
2. **Are counties obligated to include cities in their proposal?** No, but they may consider including cities to make their application more competitive.
3. **Our government has no 'Energy Conservation Plan.' How do we form one?** A number of consulting organizations can help you formulate a strategy to apply for EECBG funds. Hiring technical consultants IS an eligible use of ARRA funds.

### More information from

**GEFA** Join the GEFA Energy List-serve to keep up-to-date on ARRA RFP announcements:  
<https://www.gefa.org/index.aspx?recordid=25&page=205>  
 E-mail GEFA questions to [energy@gefa.ga.gov](mailto:energy@gefa.ga.gov)

### Timeline for applicants

May 26, 2009

- GEFA submits comprehensive application to DOE for approval.

July 26, 2009

- Estimated date DOE will respond to GEFA's application.

July / August 2009

- GEFA will publish guidelines for local government EECBG applicants applying to GEFA.

August / September 2009

- Local governments will have 15-30 days to submit application form to GEFA electronically..

### Direct Allocations from the U.S. Department of Energy

State Energy Office	\$21,630,700	Savannah	\$1,368,300
Albany	\$771,300	Smyrna	\$208,000
Alpharetta	\$252,600	Valdosta	\$221,600
Athens-Clarke	\$1,137,100	Warner Robins	\$573,100
Atlanta	\$5,890,200	Cherokee Co.	\$1,827,700
Augusta-Richmond	\$1,969,900	Clayton Co.	\$2,545,900
Columbus	\$1,844,800	Cobb Co.	\$5,288,500
East Point	\$181,300	DeKalb Co.	\$6,511,600
Johns Creek	\$578,400	Forsyth Co.	\$661,000
Macon	\$946,600	Fulton Co.	\$814,300
Marietta	\$785,500	Gwinnett Co.	\$7,312,700
Rome	\$178,100	Hall Co.	\$762,600
Roswell	\$825,700	Henry Co.	\$751,100
Sandy Springs	\$851,900	Paulding Co.	\$497,100

*\*Governments on this list will apply directly to U.S. DOE*

### More information from DOE

Specific questions relating to the application and award process should be directed to [EECBG@netl.doe.gov](mailto:EECBG@netl.doe.gov). For general questions regarding the EECBG Program, please contact the EERE'S Information Center at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/> or call toll-free at 1-877-EERE-INFO (1-877-337-3463). All technical questions must be submitted through FedConnect. **Access the D.O.E. funding announcement here:** <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/Downloads/DE-FOA-0000013%20Amendment%20000001.pdf>