

## Energy Efficiency Training Grant FAQ

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There is no page limit or word limit for this application.

## Is there a place to sign up for updates?

Program updates will be posted on the program website. You may also sign up for email updates on the program page. All questions will be answered in the Q&A worksheet.

#### Will there be a webinar?

No webinar is scheduled at this time.

# How do we know if our workforce development or training program would qualify for the grant?

All requirements for training programs are listed in the <u>Opportunity Announcement</u> and the <u>Program Guide</u>. We are encouraging anyone to apply that has a proposed training program that falls under one of the qualifying categories. Schools, for example would qualify as a locally and culturally connected organization.

### What is the period of performance for the EETIG grants?

Award notifications will be February 10, 2025. Successful applicants will have 30 days to sign the performance agreement and return it to ODOE. Payments will be issued, and the period of performance will start once the performance agreement has been fully executed (signed). Each applicant must state a requested period of performance on the application that aligns with the proposed program outcomes and budget. The requested period of performance cannot exceed 2 years.

We are not energy auditor trainers, can we partner with a qualified training partner to help acquire funding to help the tribal members we work with?

This grant provides funding for training programs that provide training for HVAC installation, energy auditors, contractor business development, and energy efficiency installation. Qualified applicants are not required to provide the training themselves but may develop a program that provides funding for participants from disadvantaged communities to participate in existing programs. Applicants that do not qualify as a locally and culturally connected entity may partner with another organization to implement the program. Additionally, ODOE has been awarded a federal grant to provide energy auditor training for residential energy auditors. This grant is currently in the negotiation phase and training will be provided by our grant partner Earth Advantage. Communities or organizations that wish to have training in their area may reach out to Earth Advantage for availability. ODOE has also received funds through the federal Solar for All grant opportunity. Workforce training will be available through this program.

# If we want to apply in multiple categories, do we submit multiple applications?

The program categories refer to the primary focus of the program. If applicants intend to cover more than one category in a single training course, the primary category of focus should be listed on the application. If it is the intent of the applicant to provide training programs in multiple categories, with each being a stand-alone program, the applicant should submit an application for each proposed program.

Do we need to provide training on renovation and installation, or can business development focus on items like running a small business, securing bids, sources of revenue, etc.?

This requirement is statutory. Contractor business development should include technical training on installations which could include updates of industry best practices and stacking incentives. This should be in addition to the business development training.

Do we need to work with both contractors and their employees (workers), or for the business development category?

Business development training may be focused on contractors however, technical training should be such that contractors may utilize the information for employee growth.

When partnering with another organization, who should be the primary on the application?

The primary on the application should be the organization that will be responsible for project management and reporting of program progress and budget to ODOE. The primary organization will be responsible for complying with the terms of the Performance Agreement.

In the <u>Program Guidance</u> document, on page 4, under the subject of "Application," it is stated that proof of insurance is required to be submitted with the application. Is this correct?

This is a mistype. Proof of insurance is not required with the application. Applicants may attest to carrying the appropriate insurance on the Performance Agreement.

Could you provide more information on the types of insurance required, and at what levels for an EETIG grant?

- Grantee shall obtain and maintain, insurance covering Agency against liability and risk at least to the extent that similar insurance is customarily carried by entities performing project work.
- If the Project includes the construction, remodel, or repair of real property or improvements to real property, Grantee must insure the real property and improvements against liability and risk of direct physical loss, damage, or destruction at least to the extent that similar insurance is customarily carried by entities constructing, operating, and maintaining similar property or facilities.
- Grantee shall require its contractors or subgrantees to obtain and maintain insurance.