

**(6) State**

The term “State” means—

- (A) a State;
- (B) the District of Columbia;
- (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and
- (D) any other territory or possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title V, § 541, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1667.)

**§ 17152. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program****(a) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a program, to be known as the “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program”, under which the Secretary shall provide grants to eligible entities in accordance with this part.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of the program shall be to assist eligible entities in implementing strategies—

- (1) to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities in a manner that—
  - (A) is environmentally sustainable; and
  - (B) to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;
- (2) to reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities; and
- (3) to improve energy efficiency in—
  - (A) the transportation sector;
  - (B) the building sector; and
  - (C) other appropriate sectors.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title V, § 542, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1668.)

**§ 17153. Allocation of funds****(a) In general**

Of amounts made available to provide grants under this part for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall allocate—

- (1) 34 percent to eligible units of local government—alternative 1, in accordance with subsection (b);
- (2) 34 percent to eligible units of local government—alternative 2, in accordance with subsection (b);
- (3) 28 percent to States in accordance with subsection (c);
- (4) 2 percent to Indian tribes in accordance with subsection (d); and
- (5) 2 percent for competitive grants under section 17156 of this title.

**(b) Eligible units of local government**

Of amounts available for distribution to eligible units of local government under subsection (a)(1) or (2), the Secretary shall provide grants to eligible units of local government under this section based on a formula established by the Secretary according to—

- (1) the populations served by the eligible units of local government, according to the latest available decennial census; and
- (2) the daytime populations of the eligible units of local government and other similar factors (such as square footage of commercial,

office, and industrial space), as determined by the Secretary.

**(c) States**

Of amounts available for distribution to States under subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall provide—

- (1) not less than 1.25 percent to each State; and
- (2) the remainder among the States, based on a formula to be established by the Secretary that takes into account—
  - (A) the population of each State; and
  - (B) any other criteria that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**(d) Indian tribes**

Of amounts available for distribution to Indian tribes under subsection (a)(3), the Secretary shall establish a formula for allocation of the amounts to Indian tribes, taking into account any factors that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**(e) Publication of allocation formulas**

Not later than 90 days before the beginning of each fiscal year for which grants are provided under this part, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the formulas for allocation established under this section.

**(f) State and local advisory committee**

The Secretary shall establish a State and local advisory committee to advise the Secretary regarding administration, implementation, and evaluation of the program.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title V, § 543, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1668; Pub. L. 111-5, div. A, title IV, § 404(a), (b), Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 143.)

## AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-5, § 404(a)(2), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “68 percent to eligible units of local government in accordance with subsection (b);”.

Subsec. (a)(2) to (5). Pub. L. 111-5, § 404(a), added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) to (4) as (3) to (5), respectively.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-5, § 404(b), substituted “subsection (a)(1) or (2)” for “subsection (a)(1)” in introductory provisions.

**§ 17154. Use of funds**

An eligible entity may use a grant received under this part to carry out activities to achieve the purposes of the program, including—

- (1) development and implementation of an energy efficiency and conservation strategy under section 17155(b) of this title;
- (2) retaining technical consultant services to assist the eligible entity in the development of such a strategy, including—
  - (A) formulation of energy efficiency, energy conservation, and energy usage goals;
  - (B) identification of strategies to achieve those goals—
    - (i) through efforts to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption; and
    - (ii) by encouraging behavioral changes among the population served by the eligible entity;
  - (C) development of methods to measure progress in achieving the goals;

(D) development and publication of annual reports to the population served by the eligible entity describing—

- (i) the strategies and goals; and
- (ii) the progress made in achieving the strategies and goals during the preceding calendar year; and

(E) other services to assist in the implementation of the energy efficiency and conservation strategy;

(3) conducting residential and commercial building energy audits;

(4) establishment of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements;

(5) the provision of grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits;

(6) development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity, including—

- (A) design and operation of the programs;
- (B) identifying the most effective methods for achieving maximum participation and efficiency rates;
- (C) public education;
- (D) measurement and verification protocols; and
- (E) identification of energy efficient technologies;

(7) development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation, including—

- (A) use of flex time by employers;
- (B) satellite work centers;
- (C) development and promotion of zoning guidelines or requirements that promote energy efficient development;
- (D) development of infrastructure, such as bike lanes and pathways and pedestrian walkways;
- (E) synchronization of traffic signals; and
- (F) other measures that increase energy efficiency and decrease energy consumption;

(8) development and implementation of building codes and inspection services to promote building energy efficiency;

(9) application and implementation of energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency, including—

- (A) distributed resources; and
- (B) district heating and cooling systems;

(10) activities to increase participation and efficiency rates for material conservation programs, including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency;

(11) the purchase and implementation of technologies to reduce, capture, and, to the maximum extent practicable, use methane and other greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar sources;

(12) replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies, including—

- (A) light emitting diodes; and
- (B) any other technology of equal or greater energy efficiency;

(13) development, implementation, and installation on or in any government building of the eligible entity of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources, including—

- (A) solar energy;
- (B) wind energy;
- (C) fuel cells; and
- (D) biomass; and

(14) any other appropriate activity, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with—

- (A) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;
- (B) the Secretary of Transportation; and
- (C) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title V, § 544, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1669.)

### § 17155. Requirements for eligible entities

#### (a) Construction requirement

##### (1) In general

To be eligible to receive a grant under the program, each eligible applicant shall submit to the Secretary a written assurance that all laborers and mechanics employed by any contractor or subcontractor of the eligible entity during any construction, alteration, or repair activity funded, in whole or in part, by the grant shall be paid wages at rates not less than the prevailing wages for similar construction activities in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with sections 3141 through 3144, 3146, and 3147 of title 40.

##### (2) Secretary of Labor

With respect to the labor standards referred to in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions described in—

- (A) Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (5 U.S.C. 903 note);<sup>1</sup> and
- (B) section 3145 of title 40.

#### (b) Eligible units of local government and Indian tribes

##### (1) Proposed strategy

###### (A) In general

Not later than 1 year after the date on which an eligible unit of local government or Indian tribe receives a grant under this part, the eligible unit of local government or Indian tribe shall submit to the Secretary a proposed energy efficiency and conservation strategy in accordance with this paragraph.

###### (B) Inclusions

The proposed strategy under subparagraph (A) shall include—

- (i) a description of the goals of the eligible unit of local government or Indian tribe, in accordance with the purposes of this part, for increased energy efficiency and conservation in the jurisdiction of the eligible unit of local government or Indian tribe; and

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.