

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, funded for the first time by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) of 2009, represents a Presidential priority to deploy the cheapest, cleanest, and most reliable energy technologies available—energy efficiency and conservation—across the country. The Program, authorized in Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) and signed into law on December 19, 2007, is intended to assist U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Indian tribes to develop, promote, implement, and manage energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs designed to:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions;
  - Reduce the total energy use of eligible entities;
  - Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors;
- and
- Create and retain jobs.

Through formula and competitive EECBG grants, local communities are to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long-term goals for energy independence and leadership on climate change. [The City of Covina received a formula grant of \\$200,200 from EECBG](#) .

The Department of Energy (DOE) has listed several desired outcomes of the EECBG Program that can assist implementation, including overall development of administration of state and local programs. They can be used to help evaluate potential programs and projects, as well as understand the factors that affect the success of different activities, programs, and projects. Desired outcomes include:

1. Increased energy efficiency, reduced energy consumption/costs
2. New jobs, increased productivity
3. Market-ready distributed renewable energy technologies
4. Improved air quality, environmental and health indicators
5. Improved coordination of energy-related policies and programs across jurisdictions
6. Increased security, resilience, reliability of energy generation/transmission infrastructure
7. Leverage all public/private resources
8. Use innovative financial mechanisms to transform markets

[\*\*More Information on EECBG\*\*](#)