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Virginia Energy Announces Second Round of \$1.6M in Energy Efficiency Grants for Local Governments

Funding Supports Cost Reduction & Innovation in Local Energy Projects

Richmond, VA - A second round of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding is now available from Virginia Energy. With \$1.6 million available for eligible local governments, this initiative continues to support state-level EECBG efforts and local energy improvement projects across the Commonwealth.

"We look forward to seeing the innovative projects that will emerge from this second round of funding, further benefiting Virginians through improved energy efficiency and reduced energy costs," said Virginia Energy State Energy Office Director Vince Maiden. "The success of our first round of funding demonstrates the significant impact these grants can have on local communities."

The Energy Marketing, Education and Outreach (MEO) Subgrants program assists cities, counties, and towns in Virginia in encouraging residents to improve energy efficiency and conservation. In addition to assisting residents in lowering their energy bills and creating healthier, more comfortable homes, this initiative also serves as a catalyst for new economic opportunities within these communities.

Eligible candidates can receive subgrants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 by submitting projects that meet the criteria outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Funding can be used to address a variety of goals, from community education programs to energy audits, energy auditor training, and more.

During the first round of funding, successful applications received up to \$100,000 each for programs such as:

- **Middlesex County/Town of Urbanna:** to support free home and small business energy audits, public education support programs, and marketing services.
- **Botetourt County:** to support free home energy audits, marketing services, and follow-up materials packages.
- **City of Fairfax:** to support a partnership with community-based organizations, public education, hiring an Energy Outreach Coordinator, and free home energy audits.
- **City of Falls Church:** to support free home energy audits and various MEO activities.
- **Town of Pulaski:** to support the revival and renewing of the A Greener Historical District program, merging preservation with modern sustainability.

Proposals for the second round of funding are due by February 21, 2025 and eligible projects will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. It is important to note that government entities receiving direct EECBG funding allocations are ineligible for this subgrants. For more details and to download the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Application, please visit the [EECBG section of Virginia Energy's website](#).

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