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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - NOVEMBER 4, 2024 Virginia Energy Announces \$1.6 Million in Energy Efficiency Grants for Local Governments

Richmond, VA – Virginia Energy is excited to announce the sub-granting of \$1.6 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to eligible local governments. This funding will significantly enhance state-level EECBG initiatives and support local energy improvement efforts across Virginia.

The Energy Marketing, Education and Outreach (MEO) Subgrants will assist municipalities, counties, cities, and other local entities in Virginia in promoting energy efficiency and conservation within their community. Local governments will have the opportunity to implement a wide range of projects, from community education programs to energy audits and retrofits of public buildings.

"This program is just one of the many ways Virginia Energy is advancing energy efficiency across the Commonwealth," said Vince Maiden, Director of Virginia Energy's State Energy Office. "By supporting local initiatives, we're not only reducing energy consumption but also creating jobs, improving community resilience, and fostering innovation in clean energy solutions."

Eligible entities can compete for subgrants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 by submitting projects that meet the criteria outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). It is important to note that government entities receiving direct EECBG funding allocations are ineligible for this subgrant.

"The MEO subgrants initiative will have a far-reaching impact across the Commonwealth," said Maiden, "benefiting thousands of Virginians through improved energy efficiency and reduced energy costs."

Projects will be evaluated based on project viability and completeness, readiness for implementation, expected impact, and equitable outcome potential. For more details and to download the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Application, please visit <u>Virginia Energy's EECBG Subgrants</u> page now!

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