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Virginia Energy Announces Third Round of \$1.6 Million in Energy Efficiency Grants for Local Governments

Funding Supports Cost Reduction and Innovation in Local Energy Projects

Richmond, VA – A third 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.

"Funding from this program helps residents lower their utility bills and save money—creating a real impact on their neighborhoods," said Virginia Energy State Energy Office Director Vince Maiden.

"We're thrilled to be able to support localities across Virginia, helping them build more efficient energy programs that will benefit residents in the near future."

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 \$200,000 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 rounds of funding, successful applications received funding 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 third round of funding are due by March 31, 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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