


Community Energy Innovation Summit

Clean Energy and Manufacturing Ecosystem Tracks

 Dec. 4-5, 2024

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Agenda – Day 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Welcome Remarks
- 9:45 a.m. – Pitch Presentations
 - *Clean Energy Ecosystem Track (Illinois C)*
 - *Manufacturing Ecosystem Track (Fort Dearborn B)*
- 11:45 a.m. – Networking Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. – Pitch Presentations (cont.)
- 2:15 p.m. – Leave for Site Visits
- 5:30 p.m. – Networking Reception



Access the Summit Program

Get details on:

- Summit Agenda
- CEI Prize
- Ecosystem Track teams
- American Made program



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Pitch Presentations

Clean Energy
Ecosystem Track:

Illinois C

Manufacturing
Ecosystem Track:

Fort Dearborn B

Join us tonight for a Networking Reception!

When: 5:30-7:30p.m.

Where: Invenergy (1 S Wacker Dr)

Buses will pick up at the Club Quarters
Hotel outside between 5:15 and 5:30.



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Site Tours

- Buses will load in front of this building.
- Those who have registered have priority. Others may join buses 2 or 3 if space remains.
- Ensure you board the correct bus – they will be traveling to three separate locations.




- Bus 1 – Cultivate Collective
- Bus 2 – Switched Source
- Bus 3 – Rebuilding Exchange

Thanks for
joining us!



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Agenda – Day 2

- 9:00 a.m. – Welcome Remarks
- 9:15 a.m. – Orientation to DOE Clean Energy Programs
- 9:45 a.m. – Community-Based Initiatives Panel
- 11:00 a.m. – Speed Networking with Panelists, Experts & Attendees
- 12:00 p.m. – Networking Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. – Networking Roundtables
- 2:00 p.m. – Award Ceremony, Closing



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Community Energy Funding Opportunities

Community Energy Innovation Summit

December 2024



THREE FORMS OF DIRECT SUPPORT THAT DOE/EERE PROVIDES TO COMMUNITIES



Direct Funding Assistance

Providing money through selective review process; includes prizes, PIAs (Partnership Intermediary Agreement), and NOFOs (Notification of Funding Opportunity)

EERE provides multiple types of direct assistance to communities.



Technical Assistance

Providing knowledge, expertise, capacity through direct engagement and information exchange

Assistance types are not mutually exclusive.

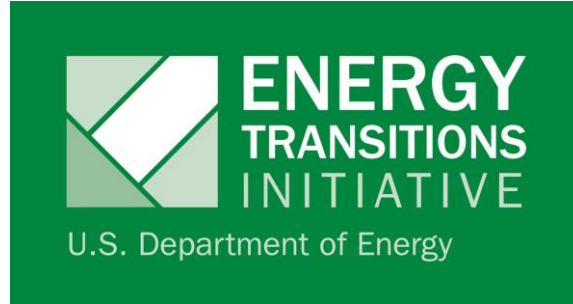


DIY Resource Assistance

Providing information, tools, resources that stakeholders can use independently

Many programs combine multiple types of support to target different end-user needs.

EERE PROGRAM EXAMPLES



Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP)

Goal: Transform energy systems and increase energy resilience of remote and island communities

Website: [Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project](#)



Good Jobs In Clean Energy Prize

Goal: Foster an equitable and inclusive workforce in clean energy sectors

Website: [Good Jobs in Clean Energy Prize](#)



Community Power Accelerator: Round 3

Goal: Expand efforts of new solar developers and co-developers to learn and grow their operations to support successful distributed solar projects

Website: [Community Power Accelerator Prize – Round 3](#)

ENERGY TRANSITIONS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT (ETIPP)



ETIPP is a competitive program providing technical assistance, capacity building, and limited compensation over 18-24 months to communities that are seeking to transform their energy systems and increase energy resilience.

Who is eligible?

- Island, coastal, and remote communities experiencing high energy burden, including local governments, tribes, utilities, and non-profits

How to apply?

- Prospective applicants must meet with an ETIPP Regional Partner to discuss their proposed project before applying to the program.
- Regional partners assist applicants in understanding their eligibility as well as how program offerings from DOE and the national laboratories can best meet their community needs.
- The Cohort 5 application period opens in March 2025



7 U.S. DOE Offices

Funding, support, expertise
Foster cross-technology collaboration, planning
& solutions

GOOD JOBS IN CLEAN ENERGY PRIZE

The Good Jobs in Clean Energy Prize encourages coalition-building in communities across the country focused on quality job creation and equitable and inclusive workforce development.



Phase One: Coalition Formation

Competitors will: 1) create place-based coalitions comprised of labor organizations, clean energy employers, community-based organizations, public agencies, and education/workforce training providers and 2) identify the target population and employment opportunities and workforce challenges in specific clean energy sectors.

Up to 15 coalitions will be awarded \$50,000 each. Must participate in Phase One for eligibility in following phases.



Phase Two: Coalition Action Plan

Competitors will: 1) participate in DOE-provided training on “High Road” economic and workforce development strategies and 2) develop a robust Coalition Action Plan to create quality, accessible jobs, and training partnerships.

Up to 10 coalitions will be awarded \$100,000 each.



Phase Three: Implementation & Impact

Competitors will: 1) implement the Coalition Action Plan developed in Phase Two, 2) participate in community of practice and quarterly check-ins, and 3) report on impact.

Top 3 coalitions will be awarded \$200,000-\$300,000; up to 7 runner-up coalitions will receive \$125,000 each.

ADDITIONAL DOE PROGRAM EXAMPLES (NON-EERE)



Communities Sparking Investment in Transformative Energy (C-SITE)

Goal: Advance community identified energy priorities.

Website: [Local Government Energy Program](#)



Energy Futures Grants (EFG)

Goal: Advance partnership efforts that will help scale local strategies that increase resiliency and improve access to affordable clean energy

Website: [Energy Future Grants](#)



Home Energy Rebates

Goal: Save money on American home energy efficiency improvements and thus lower energy bills

Website: [Home Energy Rebates Programs](#)



Weatherization Assistance Program

Goal: Reduce energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes

Website: [Weatherization Assistance Program](#)

COMMUNITIES SPARKING INVESTMENT IN TRANSFORMATIVE ENERGY (C-SITE)

The goal of C-SITE is to advance community identified energy priorities, such as building efficiency and/or electrification, electric transportation, energy infrastructure upgrades, microgrid development and deployment, renewable energy, resilience hubs, and workforce development.

Who is eligible?

Local governments and federally recognized tribes.

Total Funding Pool?

\$18 million grant funding for projects and programs on clean energy.

How to apply?

- Application deadline approximately May 2025.
- Apply through the program's SCEP webpage.



The graphic features the U.S. Department of Energy seal on the left. To its right, the text reads 'SCEP STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS' in white, followed by 'Communities Sparking Investment in Transformative Energy (C-SITE) Funding Opportunity' in large white and blue font, and 'Powered by the Local Government Energy Program (LGED)' in yellow. A horizontal line separates this header from the main content. Below the line, it states '\$18 million in funding for clean energy projects and programs' in white. Three icons are arranged horizontally: a solar panel with a sun icon, an electric car with a charging plug, and a field with a sun and trees. Below each icon is a blue label: 'Deliver Local Benefits', 'Advance Energy Priorities', and 'Spark New Investments'. At the bottom, white text says 'Tribes and Local Governments can apply through May 31, 2024' and 'Visit: energy.gov/scep/local-government-energy-program'.

ENERGY FUTURES GRANTS (EFG)

The purpose of EFG is to scale local strategies that increase resiliency and improve access to affordable clean energy in communities.

Who is eligible?

Local, state, and Tribal government-led partnerships with local communities.

Total Funding Pool?

\$27 million in financial assistance and technical assistance.

How to apply?

- Application deadline approximately April 2025.
- Apply through the program's SCEP webpage.



STATE ENERGY PROGRAM

The State Energy Program's goal is to support clean energy and address climate change by providing rebates for American home energy improvement projects to help reduce household energy bills

Who is eligible?

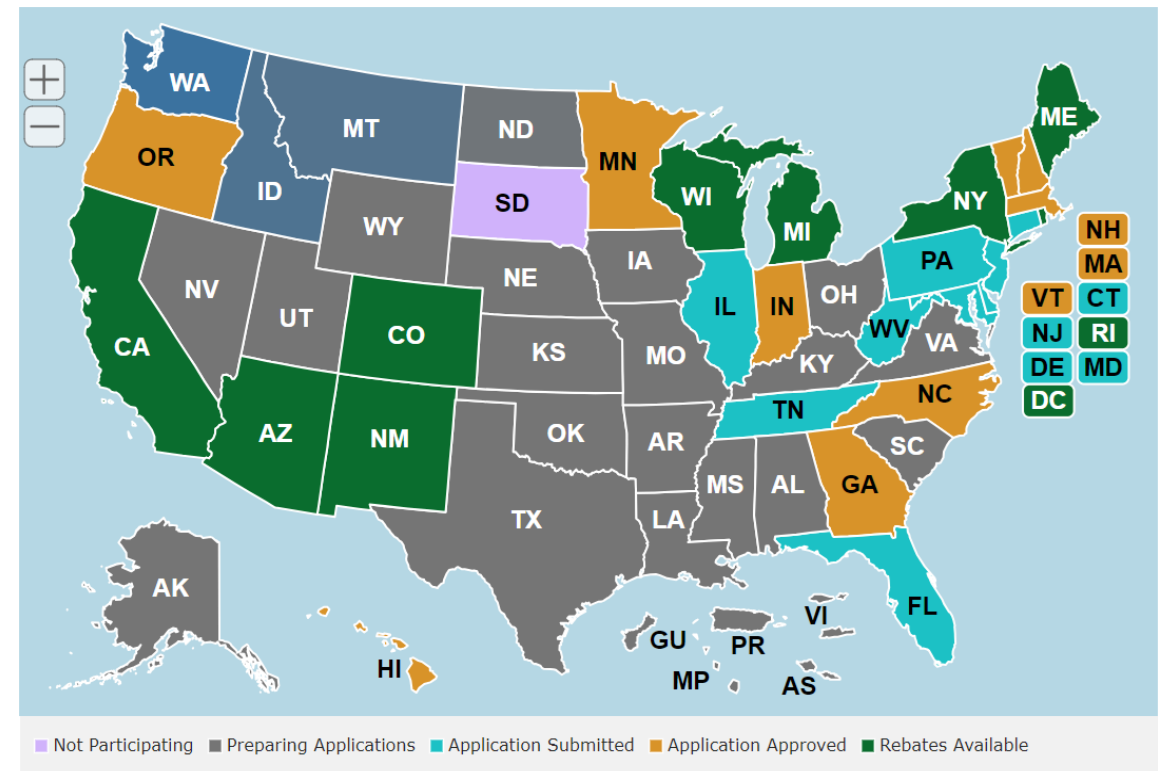
- Participating states/territories (all but SD)
- Currently those with rebates available: CA, AZ, NM, CO, WI, MI, NY, ME, DC, RI

Total Funding Pool?

\$8.8 billion, dependent on state availability

How to apply?

- See State Energy Program Tracker
- Apply through state's program once launched



WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)

The WAP program reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring their health and safety.

Who is eligible?

Households at or below poverty income guidelines

Total Funding Pool?

- Dependent on state rules and specific home upgrades and improvements
- The program supports 8,500 jobs and provides weatherization services to approximately 35,000 homes every year

How to apply?

- Rolling admissions
- Apply through your state weatherization administrator via the program website



EERE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



Communities Local Energy Action Program (LEAP)

Goal: Facilitate sustained community-wide economic and environmental benefits through energy deployment

Website: [Communities LEAP](#)



C2C: Clean Energy to Communities

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Clean Energy to Communities (C2C)

Goal: Accelerate the deployment of clean energy systems that are reflective of local and regional priorities

Website: [Clean Energy to Communities Program](#)



SOLAR ENERGY INNOVATION NETWORK

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Solar Energy Innovation Network (SEIN)

Goal: Develop solutions that expand equity in residential and commercial solar

Website: [Solar Energy Innovation Network Round 3](#)

EERE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CONT.



THRIVING COMMUNITIES
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER
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**Environmental justice
Thriving Communities
Technical Assistance
Center (EJ TCTAC)**

Goal: Connect and support local and regional leaders advancing EJ in their communities

Website: [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center \(EJ TCTAC\)](#)



**Clean Cities and
Communities**

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Goal: Serve as coalition link to stakeholders on local interest in sustainable transportation

Website: [Clean Cities and Communities](#)



Interagency Working Group on
Coal & Power Plant Communities
& Economic Revitalization

**Energy Communities
Interagency Working Group**

Goal: Steer funding and resources towards energy communities for rebuilding local economies

Website: [Home - Energy Communities](#)

COMMUNITIES LOCAL ENERGY ACTION PROGRAM (LEAP)

LEAP aims to facilitate sustained community-wide economic and environmental benefits primarily through DOE's clean energy deployment work.

What opportunities are available?

DOE matches selected communities with technical assistance providers who assist them with bringing their clean energy planning and economic development vision to life

Who is eligible?

Low-income, energy-burdened communities that are also disadvantaged and/or are experiencing direct economic impacts from a shift away from historical reliance on fossil fuels

How to apply?

Application for Cohort 3 communities in 2025



CLEAN ENERGY TO COMMUNITIES (C2C)



In-Depth Partnerships ~3 years

Multi-year partnership made up of teams (local governments, community-based organizations, and electric utilities) that work alongside national laboratory staff to apply robust modeling and analysis tools and conduct hardware-in-the-loop testing of solutions to evaluate potential scenarios and strategies before full technology deployment.

Supports six communities currently. The request for proposals (RFP) likely to open April 2025.



Peer-Learning Cohorts ~6 months

Multi-community engagements that convene regularly for approximately 6 months to exchange strategies and best practices, learn in a collaborative environment, and workshop plans and strategies to overcome challenges around a common clean energy transition topic. Eligibility varies by cohort topic.

Can support about 100 communities per year. The application period for the next round of cohorts is open until April 30.



Expert Match ~3 months

Short-term, no-cost technical assistance for communities seeking to answer near-term clean energy questions. Eligible entities include local governments, utilities, community-based organizations, schools, and nonprofits.

Can support about 200 communities per year. Applications are accepted all year on a rolling basis.

SOLAR ENERGY INNOVATION NETWORK (SEIN)

SEIN is a collaborative program that brings together diverse teams of stakeholders to research solutions on solar energy adoption, laying the groundwork for implementation and replication of these solutions.

What opportunities are available?

- Across 15 months, teams receive financial support, and technical assistance from national labs for development of innovative solutions regarding access to solar energy.
- All teams meet together for several multi-day work sessions to provide peer networking and to share insights, research, and ideas.

Who is eligible?

Project teams may include entities such as state and local governments, community-based organizations, electric utilities, companies, nonprofits, and universities.

How to apply?

Round 4 launch anticipated for 2025. See SEIN website for more details.



**SOLAR ENERGY
INNOVATION
NETWORK**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THRIVING COMMUNITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (EJ TCTAC)

The EJ TCTAC supports communities, particularly those adversely and disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health harms and risks, to identify, access, and deploy resources to create transformative change for communities and individuals.

This organization is creating a Thriving Communities Network that connects and supports the local and regional leaders who are advancing environmental justice in communities across the country.

EJ TCTACs are now accepting technical assistance requests. Learn more and apply:

www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers



EJ TCTAC

**Environmental Justice
Thriving Communities Technical
Assistance Centers Program**

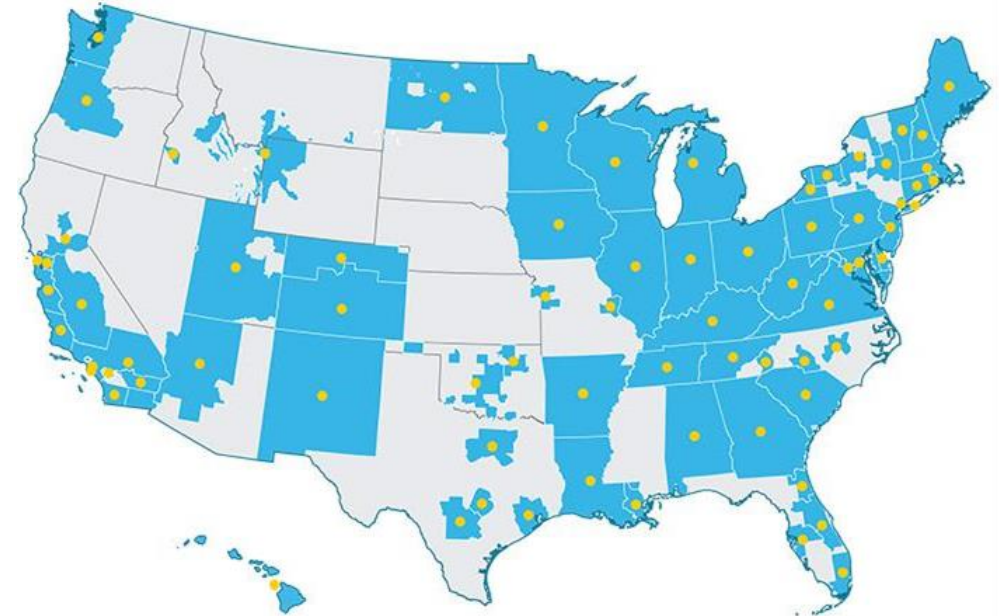
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CLEAN CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

- The mission of Clean Cities and Communities is to foster the economic, environmental, and energy security of the United States by working locally to advance affordable, domestic transportation fuels and technologies.
- Serve as essential connection between national and local interests in sustainable transportation
 - From national to local: tools, resources, information, funding opportunity
 - From local to national: feedback on what technologies are/aren't working (research ideas), need for new tools and information
- Ability to serve a broad range of stakeholders with solutions that are locally responsive, drawing on national expertise.
- 2023 marked 30 years of Clean Cities and Communities.



Clean Cities and
Communities



ENERGY COMMUNITIES INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP (IWG)



The goal of the Interagency Working Group is to steer funding and resources towards energy communities, and to help rebuild/diversify their local economies.

What opportunities are available?

Federal funding, tax credits, and technical assistance

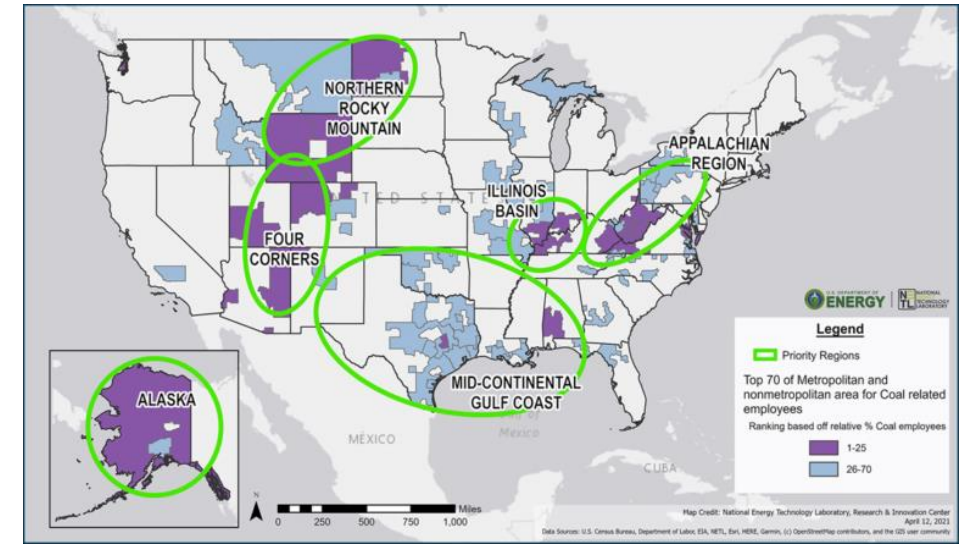
Who is eligible?

Eligibility is based on each funding opportunity, but generally prioritized for organizations in energy communities.

How to apply?

- Deadlines dependent on funding opportunity.
- Apply directly via portal on opportunity page through the IWG Funding Clearing House landing.

Energy communities:
Areas that have a high concentration of coal-dependent economic opportunities



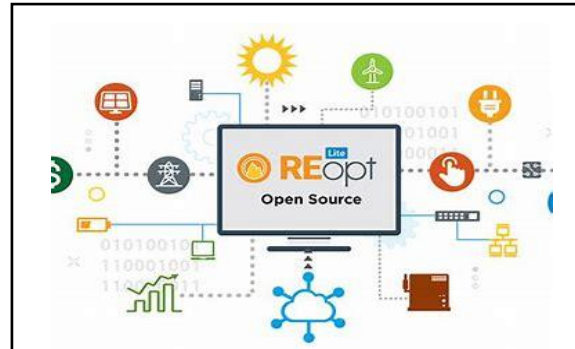
DIY RESOURCE ASSISTANCE EXAMPLES



System Advisor Model (SAM)

Goal: Investigate technical, economic, and financial feasibility of renewable energy projects

Website: [Welcome - System Advisor Model - SAM](#)



Renewable Energy Optimization (REOpt)

Goal: Evaluate how specific renewable energy technologies can be integrated into energy systems

Website: [REopt Web Tool | REopt Energy Integration & Optimization](#)



Local Infrastructure Hub

Goal: Guide local municipalities toward federal infrastructure funding opportunities

Website: [Local Infrastructure Hub](#)

SYSTEM ADVISOR MODEL (SAM)

The System Advisor Model (SAM) is a free software for detailed performance and financial analysis for renewable energy systems.

SAM investigates technical, economic, and financial feasibility of renewable energy projects.

Training and online tutorials available at www.nrel.gov/reopt.

Sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.



The screenshot shows the SAM 2023.12.17 software interface. The main window is titled "untitled" and has a menu bar with "File", "Add", and "untitled". The left sidebar contains a tree view with "Geothermal" selected, and sub-items: "Merchant", "Ambient Conditions", "Geothermal Resource", "Plant and Equipment", "Power Block", "Grid Limits", "Installation Costs", "Operating Costs", "Financial Parameters", "Revenue", "Incentives", "Depreciation", and "Electricity Purchases".

The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Download Weather Files:** This section provides instructions on downloading weather files from the NSRDB. It includes radio buttons for "One location" (selected) and "Multiple locations", and a checkbox for "Advanced download". A text input field contains "Type a location name, street address, or lat,lon in decimal degrees" with a dropdown menu set to "Default TMY file" and a "Download and add to library..." button. A link below reads: "For locations not covered by the NSRDB, visit the SAM website Weather Page for links to other data sources."
- Weather Data Information:** This section displays the data for the selected weather file. It includes a "Weather file" input field with the path "C:\SAM\2023.12.17\solar_resource\daggett_ca_34.865371_-116.783023_psmv3_60_tmy.csv" and a "View data..." button. Below this, a table shows "Header Data from Weather File":

Latitude	34.85 degrees	Location	91486
Longitude	-116.78 degrees	Data Source	NSRDB
Time zone	GMT -8		
Elevation	561 m		
Time step	60 minutes		

For NSRDB data, the latitude and longitude shown here from the weather file header are the coordinates of the NSRDB grid cell and may be different from the values in the file name, which are the coordinates of the requested location.

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a table of "Annual Averages Calculated from Weather File Data":

		Optional Data
Global horizontal	5.83 kWh/m ² /day	
Direct normal (beam)	7.67 kWh/m ² /day	
Diffuse horizontal	1.25 kWh/m ² /day	
Average temperature	17.0 °C	
Average wind speed	2.3 m/s	*NaN indicates missing data.

The bottom of the interface features a "Simulate" button with a dropdown arrow, and a sidebar with "Parameters", "Stochastic", "P50 / P90", and "Macros".

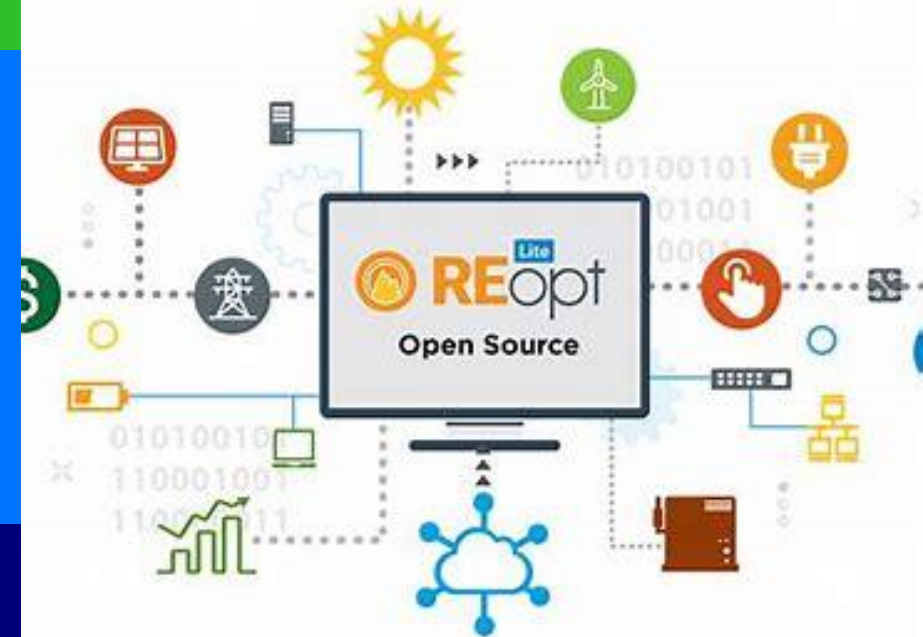
RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTIMIZATION (REOPT)

The Renewable Energy Optimization (REOpt) is a free webtool that evaluates how specific renewable energy technologies can be integrated into energy systems.

REOpt considers tradeoffs between ownership costs/savings across different value streams to identify the optimal system functions. It can also model energy outages and outline methods for energy resilience.

Tutorial videos available at www.nrel.gov/reopt.

Sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE HUB

- The goal of the Local Infrastructure Hub is to connect cities and towns with the resources and expert advice they need to access federal infrastructure funding.
- Program partners help guide municipalities towards creating successive applications for federal grants.
- Provides federal grant repository and bootcamps (opportunities to help applicants with the federal funding process)

Local Infrastructure Hub



This site is live and continuously updated with current open funding opportunities, many of which are applicable outside of coal communities



Interagency Working Group on
Coal & Power Plant Communities
& Economic Revitalization

12-Agency IWG effort led by DOE Advisor since 2021

Executive Order 14008 established the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization (Energy Communities IWG).



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[Read More](#)

energycommunities.gov/funding-opportunities

The initiative is administered by the U.S. Secretary of Energy and co-chaired by the Director of the National Economic Council, the National Climate Advisor, and the Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation.



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U.S. Department of Labor



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



U.S. Department of Transportation



U.S. Department of Education



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Appalachian Regional Commission

Competitive Funding

Competitive funding is available to eligible recipients who submit an application for a funding opportunity. Each application is reviewed through a competitive evaluation process and awardees are selected based on the merits of their application and alignment with the agency's mission.

[SEE COMPETITIVE FUNDING](#)

Formula Funding

Formula funding is when the federal government allocates funds to a state agency or tribal entity which then has authority to re-allocate or award them to eligible groups and uses.

[SEE FORMULA FUNDING](#)

Tax Credits

Tax credits reduce the amount of income tax a taxpayer owes to the federal government. The Inflation Reduction Act created new tax credits and modified existing tax credits to help incentivize clean energy technologies and to be a vehicle for fostering economic opportunities, private investment, and job creation in energy communities. Several IRA tax credits also provide a bonus for energy communities.

[SEE TAX CREDITS](#)

Funding Clearinghouse

The IWG maintains an online clearinghouse of federal funding relevant to coal, oil and gas, and power plant communities across the country. The clearinghouse allows potential applicants to browse open and planned funding opportunities on one easy-to-navigate webpage.

[EXPLORE CLEARINGHOUSE](#)

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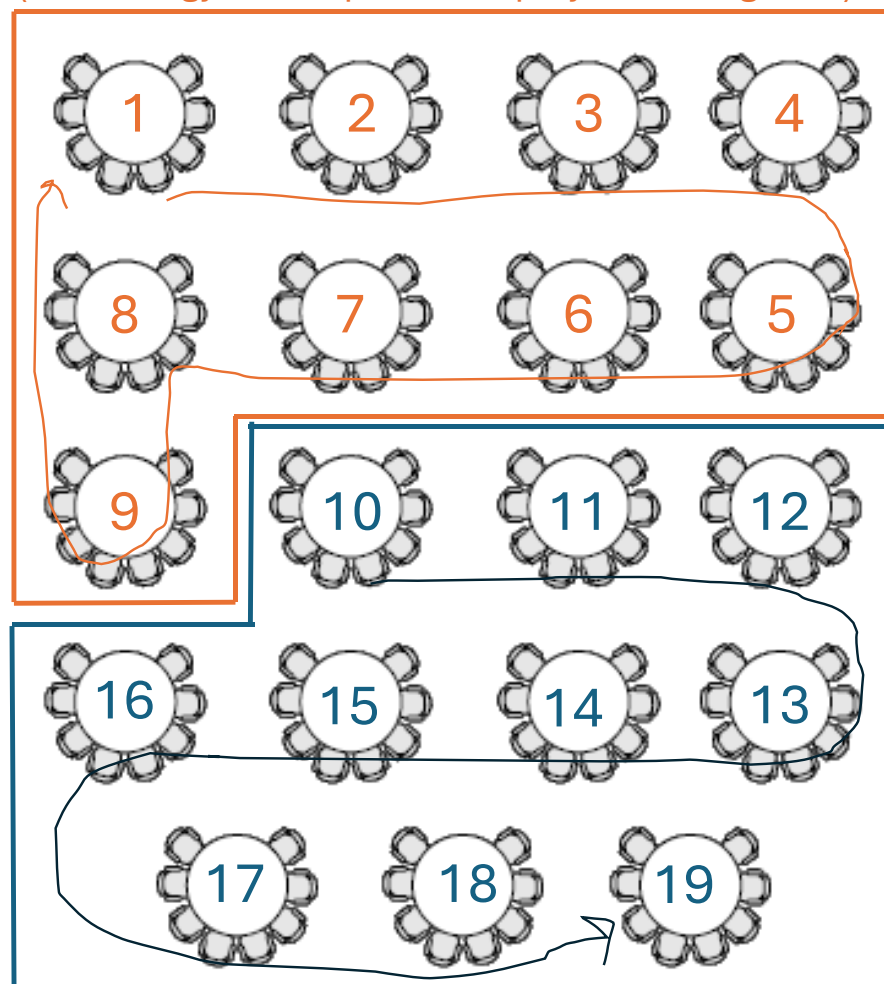
Panel: Community-Based Initiatives

- **Chris Castro**, Senior Advisor, Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, U.S. DOE
- **Summer Sandoval**, Environmental Justice Federal Funding Lead, Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN)
- **Katherine Gajewski**, Partner, City Scale
- **Gregory Dierkers**, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, Office of Clean Energy Deployment, U.S. DOE
- **Ben Vickery**, Group Manager of Network Knowledge Management, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, NIST
- **Leanne Kaplan**, Senior Partnerships and Program Manager, Communities First
- *Moderators:* **Lupe Villatoro**, Senior Advisor, Integrated Strategies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and **Diane Bauer**, Deputy Director, Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies Office, U.S. DOE

Speed Networking

- Experts stationed at tables around room with dots on their nametags.
- Start at any table in your section and move to next table every 6 minutes:
 - **Manufacturing Teams: tables 1-9**
 - **Clean Energy Teams: tables 10-19**
 - Other guests: Wherever you'd like
- Quick introductions:
 - Teams/audience: Broadly, what is your organization seeking to achieve?
 - Experts: Broadly, what are you aware of that can facilitate the team's vision?

Manufacturing Ecosystem Track
(Technology Development/Deployment Programs)



Clean Energy Ecosystem Track
(Community-Based Programs)

Roundtables

Structure:

- Goal is to promote organic conversations centered around discussion prompts.
- You may use the provided themes and questions as prompts but no hard rules – meant to be flexible.
- Consider splitting up from your team/colleagues to meet others.
- Notetakers will jot down anonymized takeaways and facilitate as needed.

Themes:

- Workforce
- Resilience
- Weatherization
- Capacity-building
- Technology Innovation
- Manufacturing
- Open/General

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