

**Locating Federal, State, Local, Regional & Foundation Funding
Opportunities for
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
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Below is a listing of excellent resources for locating energy efficiency and renewable energy business opportunities. We hope that the energy community finds this information useful for conducting funding research.

On a related note, grant applicants may want to increase the "competitive edge" of their grant proposals by taking a grant writing course. Here are a few online tutorials:

The EPA Grant-Writing Tutorial

(<http://www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/grant.htm>),
the Foundation Center Proposal Writing Short Course
(<http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html>),
and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Basic Elements of Grant Writing
(<http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>).

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Regional Office Funding Information:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/sro/financial_opps.html

This website includes a listing of recently announced grant and contract funding opportunities for projects related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, and the environment. Other posted resources include monthly compilations of funding opportunities, and subject-specific publications on foundation funding opportunities.

Grants.gov: <http://www.grants.gov>

Grants.gov is the single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. This website has replaced and expanded on federal grant announcements that used to be posted to the *Federal Register*.

Grants.gov subscription for notification of grant opportunities:

<http://www.grants.gov/ReceiveGrantOpportunityNotification>

Grants.gov provides a subscription service whereas users may sign-up to automatically receive e-mail notices of federal grant announcements posted on Grants.gov.

FedBizOpps (FBO): <http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>

Use this database to locate Federal contract opportunities that exceed \$25K in value. The FBO is the electronic replacement for the *Commerce Business Daily* (CBD).

Loren Data Corporation: This company queries daily FedBiz Opps postings for their customers and sends it directly to their e-mail addresses on a daily basis. Annual subscription rate: \$195 - \$295. <http://www.fbodaily.com/>

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA):

<http://www.cfda.gov/>

Use this database to query ongoing Federal grant programs. This is an important resource for "planning ahead."

Business Newspapers: Notice of state and local government funding opportunities are often posted to business journals/newspapers. For instance, state and local government RFPs in Washington State are routinely posted in the *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce*:

<http://www.djc.com/enviro/>. Look for the business newspapers in your area.

DOE E-Center (IIPS): <http://www.pr.doe.gov/>

IIPS is the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) electronic business center hub. DOE posts financial assistance and acquisition opportunities to IIPS and customers, stakeholders, businesses, etc. use this site to apply for DOE opportunities. Note that DOE funding opportunities would also be posted to Grants.gov and the FBO.

U.S. Department of Energy, National Laboratories:

http://www.energy.gov/engine/content.do?BT_CODE=OF_NLTC

Go to the National Laboratory "Business Opportunity" websites to locate National Laboratory funding, joint-research, and licensing opportunities.

State Energy Office websites:

<http://www.naseo.org/members/states.htm>

Many Energy Offices post grant and contract funding announcements on their websites. In addition, some Energy Offices offer funding opportunity email notification services.

Association of Washington Cities Grant Alert!:

<http://news.awcnet.org/awcalrt/issues/2004-05-15/4.html>

This newsletter announces a wide array of state grant opportunities.

National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO):

<http://www.naseo.org>

NASEO posts the annual State Technologies Advancement Collaborative (STAC) funding announcement on their website. STAC funds state energy agency research, development, demonstration, and deployment. Partnerships are required.

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance:

<http://www.nwalliance.org>

NEEA funds Northwest projects that save electric energy and transform the market.

For info on unsolicited proposals, go to:

<http://www.nwalliance.org/proposals/unsolicited.asp>.

For info on current requests for proposals,, go to:

<http://www.nwalliance.org/proposals/solicited.asp>.

Philanthropic RFPs: <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/index.jhtml>

The Philanthropy News Digest provides a weekly update of foundation activities and RFPs. Go to: <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/index.jhtml>. You can also sign up for a free weekly notification of open foundation RFPs.

The Foundation Center (FC): <http://fdncenter.org>

An important resource for those interested in foundation grants. Includes foundation search engines, an online library, grant writing tutorials, listing of foundation centers and cooperating collections across America, and many other tools and resources for grant writers. The FC produces "FC Search," a comprehensive software database of

information on foundations, grantees and grants awarded. This and other FC resources can be accessed at FC Cooperating Collections.

The U.S. Department of Energy provides financial opportunities and resources for **Small Businesses, Entrepreneurs, and Inventors**

U.S. Department of Energy Unsolicited Proposals:

<http://professionals.pr.doe.gov/ma5/MA-5Web.nsf/WebPages/Proposal+System?OpenDocument>

This site contains a guidebook and contact information for submitting unsolicited proposals.

U.S. Department of Energy Small Business Program:

<http://sbir.er.doe.gov/sbir/#T3>

This site provides information about DOE's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.

To sign up for DOE's electronic mailing list for SBIR/STTR updates, go to:

<http://www.science.doe.gov/sbir/mailform.asp>.

U.S. Department of Energy Inventors Program:

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/inventions/>.

This site provides information on DOE's Inventions and Innovations Program.

U.S. Department of Energy Energy TechNet:

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/inventions/energytechnet/index.html>.

This site provides a comprehensive source of information and resources for individuals and small-business owners engaged in the development and commercialization of energy technologies.