

**Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program**<sup>1</sup>  
**Florida Energy and Climate Commission (FECC) Grants**

The Florida Energy and Climate Commission (FECC) is establishing a competitive grant program to distribute approximately \$18.2 million in EECBG Program funds to local governments that are not eligible for direct formula funding through the Department of Energy (DOE).

17 counties and 69 municipalities received direct EECBG formula grants from DOE. Approximately 393 non-entitlement local governments are eligible for sub-grant funding. The proposed grant distribution strategy will utilize a two-tiered approach.

Two-thirds (\$12.1 million) of the available grant funds will be made available on a competitive basis to all local governments. Requested grant funding from any single applicant may not exceed 10% (\$1.2 million) of the available grant funds.

The remaining one-third (\$6.1 million) of the available grant funds will be dedicated to assist small cities and counties. For purposes of this funding category, a “small county” is considered to be a county with an unincorporated population of less than 50,000, while a “small city” is considered to be a city with a population of 15,000 or less. These funds will also be allocated on a competitive basis, and the maximum award amount may not exceed \$250,000.

FECC projects that it will award 40 to 50 sub-grants to local governments.

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