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## **Virginia Energy Awards \$1.6M in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds**

*Funds To Help Residents Save Money, Improve Homes*

**RICHMOND, VA** – Virginia Energy intends to award \$1.6 million in **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant** (EECBG) subgrants to 11 localities across the Commonwealth to foster strategies to help residents save money on energy bills and improve the comfort and health of their homes.

These awards are part of the Commonwealth's use of \$2.6 million in EECBG funds from the U.S. Department of Energy. The funded projects will help communities provide clear, impartial information on energy efficiency and conservation projects, as well as offer free residential energy audits and energy auditor training.

"Virginia Energy is thrilled to use these funds to empower communities to deliver real savings on energy bills, enhance home comfort, and unlock health benefits for residents from urban centers to rural towns," said **Virginia Department of Energy Director Glenn Davis**. "These awards will connect families and small businesses with trusted energy assessments, incentives, and upgrades—turning federal funds into lasting local impacts leading to lower costs and stronger neighborhoods for generations to come."

Each awardee will receive up to \$200,000 for locally designed initiatives that meet EECBG program requirements. The awardees are:

- City of Fairfax
- City of Falls Church
- Town of Crewe
- Town of Dumfries
- Town of Pulaski
- Town of Rocky Mount
- Town of Vinton
- Botetourt County
- Greene County
- Madison County

- Middlesex County

The selected localities will implement a range of energy-related marketing, education, and outreach activities tailored to community needs. Example projects include:

- Offering free or low-cost home energy audits and follow-up materials to help residents identify cost-effective improvements;
- Hiring or supporting energy outreach coordinators or energy coaches to guide residents and small businesses through available programs and incentives;
- Partnering with community-based organizations and nonprofits to host workshops, training sessions, and neighborhood events on energy efficiency and conservation; and
- Providing free energy auditor training to increase the availability and affordability of qualified energy assessments across Virginia.

These activities are designed to deliver long-term, measurable impacts on local energy use and to support new economic opportunities in participating communities.

“At the State Energy Office, our focus is on meeting people where they are—partnering with local governments and community organizations so residents can easily find trusted information, tap into available incentives, and turn energy savings from an abstract idea into real dollars back in their pockets,” said **Vince Maiden, Managing Director of the Virginia State Energy Office**.

Through the EECBG Program, the [Virginia Department of Energy](#) is channeling federal funding to local governments to support energy efficiency and conservation programs that are cost-effective and accessible to diverse populations. For more information visit the [EECBG section](#) of Virginia Energy’s website.

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