Selected Federal Funding and Technical Assistance Sources for Building Upgrades

Link to Resource: https://airtable.com/shrMlioWdQSV3OAds

This resource is intended for informational purposes only and is **not** intended to be comprehensive or exhaustive. In every case, the best source of information for anything listed in this resource is that program/initiative itself. The guide is based on publicly available information on a range of available federal funding and prize opportunities that *could* be used by applicant teams for the Buildings Upgrade Prize (Buildings UP) to fund and/or strategize for the decarbonization of their building stock. The listing of a program on this page does not guarantee its availability to any applicant team. For any resource listed, the individual agency responsible for the program should be contacted for more information regarding eligibility and availability.

Note that this resource only covers some federal programs and does not include other critical sources of available funding such as philanthropic funding, state funding, utility funding, or local/municipal funding. Some links have been provided at the end of this document to resources about these additional potential funding sources.

How to Use this Resource

The Airtable has four tabs: **Eligibility Overview**; **Application Opportunities**; **Funding – Block Grants**; **Definitions**; and **Acronym and Definitions Overview**

Eligibility Overview provides a rough overview of what opportunities are available to which category of interested applicant (I.e. homeowners, non-profits)

Application Opportunities includes a mix of grant programs, tax incentives, and technical assistance opportunities, all of which require someone to apply for the opportunity. This section is broken down by type of award (I.e. tax credit vs. TA opportunity), eligible building type (commercial, multifamily, or single-family), restrictions or further descriptions (e.g. only tribal housing is eligible, only historic buildings are eligible), eligible uses, status, who applies, and to whom to apply.

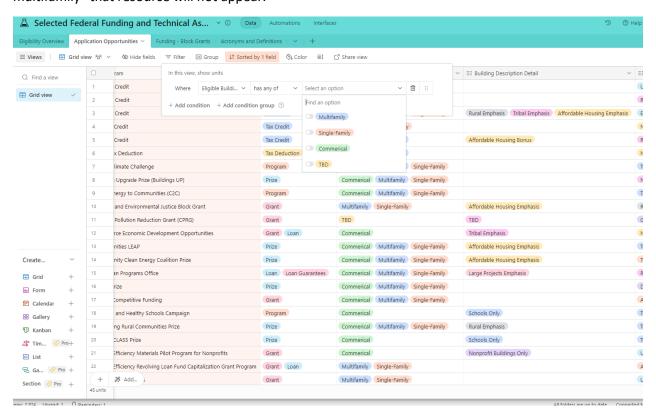
Funding- Block Grants contains block grant programs – programs that provide noncompetitive to larger bodies (usually municipalities, counties, or states), who can then allocate that funding to different service providers in their jurisdiction. Applicants could reach out to the relevant jurisdiction to inquire as to how they are planning to allocate their funds in the current year.

Acronym and Definitions Overview provides a brief definition of relevant terms and abbreviations that are relevant to the programs listed (I.e. agency names, program abbreviations).

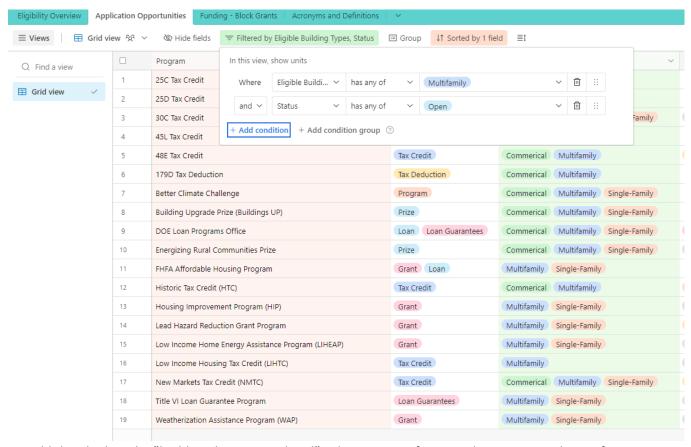
Filtering: Best Practices

The best way to use this resource is to first look at all options and then decide how to filter after. When filtering, the easiest way to take advantage of the resource is to **filter only by eligible building type or application status**. The limits of the platform make filtering by building description detail very complicated and unwieldly.

When filtering: use the "has any of" term, **NOT** "has only;" if you are looking for multifamily resources, and a resource is tagged "multifamily, single-family, commercial," if you search for "has only multifamily" that resource will not appear.



Example Use Case: if I want to find funding opportunities open now for multifamily affordable properties in rural areas that are not historically landmarked, I would filter: "eligible building types" "has any of" "multifamily" + add condition + "status" "has any of" "open." I would then look at all the results:



I would then look at the "building description detail" column to see if any results were not relevant for my project. In this case, every program would be relevant for me except the historic tax credit program. I would then look at each relevant program's website for more information about how to apply for each program and more detailed requirements (i.e. what each program's definition of "affordable housing" is).

A Note on Building Description Details: Categories are designed to be as inclusive and broad as possible. For example, if your decarbonization zone includes affordable multifamily rental housing, you may be eligible to pursue funding listed as "multifamily" and "affordable housing" as well as "affordable housing bonus;" if your decarbonization zone includes affordable multifamily housing on tribal land, you may *additionally* be eligible to pursue funding listed as "tribal" or "tribal emphasis;" if your decarbonization zone focuses on single-family homes, you would not be eligible to pursue any resource listed as only eligible for "multifamily" funding, but could seek funding from the "single-family" listed options, etc.

The "About" section is taken from each program's website and is meant to be as overarching as possible. Websites, where available, link to the actual program website and are the most authoritative source of information about the program/opportunity.

The notes section, where relevant, describes any published limitations to the program. More information about limitations for funding and stacking may be published in the future and will be updated as publicly available.

Emphasis: funding is intended for one type of building category but can be applied to other types; for example, a specific percentage of New Market Tax Credits funding dedicated to housing must go to affordable housing, but the remaining percentage is unrestricted.

Bonus: additional funding/support is awarded for buildings that match this category. For example, for the 48E tax credit, developers of buildings located in so-called "energy communities" (defined low-income communities) receive additional tax credits above the base 48E tax credit.

Application Status Explainer

- **-Awaiting Final Guidance** A program where initial guidance has been released, but additional guidance and information must be published before the opportunity will be considered open.
- -Announced Not Finalized: A program that has been funded and where some information has been released, but many details of the program (I.e., eligible applicants, allowable uses of funds, amount of funding per award) have yet to be announced.
- **-Closed** No longer able to be applied to. Some closed programs may reopen in the future, but there is no guarantee of that occurring.
- **-Open** available to apply for (for eligible teams). Many open programs have a specific closing date for applications, and interested applicants should examine program websites for application closing dates.
- -Annual Application (for block grants): Block Grants that require a level of application (I.e., priority plan and audited expenses) for additional years of funding to be awarded.

Select Additional Links and Non-DOE Resources (last updated: February 14, 2023):

<u>Making Our Homes More Efficient: Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers | Department of Energy</u> for more info about IRA-related tax credits

The White House Guide to the Inflation Reduction Act: <u>Inflation-Reduction-Act-Guidebook.pdf</u> (<u>whitehouse.gov</u>); Starting at page 104, a comprehensive listing of rebates and programs funded through the Inflation Reduction Act can be found in this guidebook.

More information about the 25C and 25D tax credits can be found here: Frequently asked questions about energy efficient home improvements and residential clean energy property credits (irs.gov)

The DSire website, located here: <u>Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency® - DSIRE</u> (<u>dsireusa.org</u>), covers some state and local funding sources, including some utility funding

The DOE ZERH website for information about 45L tax credits for Zero-Energy Ready Homes: <u>45L Tax</u> <u>Credits for Zero Energy Ready Homes | Department of Energy</u>

EPA Tool Finder for Local Government Clean Energy Initiatives: <u>Tool Finder for Local Government Clean Energy Initiatives</u> | US EPA

Bringing the Benefits of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Low-Income Communities: Case Studies and Program Profiles: <u>Bringing the Benefits of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Low-Income Communities</u>: <u>Case Studies and Program Profiles | US EPA</u>

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