

Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes



Application deadline: 9/30/2025 (rolling)



Available funding for 2025: \$400M

Source: [Technical Assistance for States, Territories, and Localities on Building Codes](#)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

Assistance for the Adoption of Building Energy Codes



Goals and merit criteria for Building Energy Code assistance:

- Aims to facilitate the adoption and implementation of the latest model energy codes, zero energy building codes, and equivalent codes and standards through the country to reduce energy inefficiency by giving funding through Section 50131 of the Investment Reduction Act
- Of the \$400M program total, \$240M is available for adopting and implementing the latest building energy codes and \$160 million is available for adopting and implementing zero energy provisions
 - Funding prioritizes workforce training, capacity building, and compliance enforcement
 - Projects to deliver measurable and verifiable energy savings
 - Support community, labor, and workforce engagement

Zero Building Energy Code Assistance details

Eligible grant uses and funding may vary based on proposed building code

Match funding requirement: N/A

Direct Pay applicability: Unlikely

Eligible grant uses

- i) adopting and implementing updating building energy codes that meet or exceed the 2021 IECC or ASHRAE
- ii) funding can be used to train code officials, builders, contractors, and design professionals on compliance and enforcement. This includes multi-year investments in workforce development and building local expertise for ongoing implementation.
- iii) adoption of innovative codes, such as stretch codes or building performance standards, which are measurable, verifiable, and enforceable. These codes must achieve equal or greater energy savings compared to model codes.

Award amounts

Minimum award	Minimum limit per applicant is \$1M
Maximum award	Maximum limit per applicant is \$20M
Award distribution	40% of funds may flow to prioritized applicants as part of the Justice40 Initiative ²
Period of performance	9 years and consist of one or more budget periods no later than September 30 th , 2034.

Previous awards (national)

2024 awards	40-200 awards (\$530M) ¹
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Previous awards (MI)

2024 awards	Specific awards have not yet been announced, may range from \$1M to \$20M based on NOFO
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1. As of January 2025, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has not announced specific recipients for the "Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption" funding opportunity. However, the first round of funding has been distributed.
 2. Justice40 Initiative aims to distribute 40% of federal climate and clean energy investment benefits to disadvantaged communities historically burdened by environmental and economic inequities, using the White House Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to identify and map these areas.

Source: [IRA Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes](#)

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High level requirements to apply for Building Energy Code assistance

All applicants will also be required certain supplemental documents if proceeding to negotiation

NON-EXHAUSTIVE



Eligible Entities

- States, local governments, and territories with authority to adopt building energy codes
- Delegated authority from an authority who cannot enforce the code (e.g., delegated authority to an agency)¹
- Subrecipients may include:
 - Higher education institutions
 - Non-profits
 - For-profit organizations
 - Code and standards developers
 - Tribal Nations
 - Association of builders
 - Local utility and energy efficiency companies



Key Grant Application Components

- Each full application must be limited to a single project, falling within one subtopic area which may include more than each eligible code
- Applications should include:
 - Technical volume and project narrative (PDF, 20 pages)
 - Resumes (1 page each)
 - Letters of Commitment
 - Community Partnership Documentation
 - Equivalence Analysis
 - SF-424: Application for Federal Assistance
 - Budget Justification Workbook
 - SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
 - Community Benefits Plan

Supplemental documents

- Certain documents may be required to be submitted:
 - Applicants should submit information about duplicative funding if applicable
 - If selected for negotiation, the applicant will be required to provide a statement of project objectives, a budget justification, and a community benefits plan justification
- Applicants may submit documents that demonstrate planned or existing partnerships with local stakeholders that carry out workforce development programs

1. Delegation cannot extend to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or private entities