ICC INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL®

An Overview of ICC Support for Federal Grants

Getting the most out of FEMA, HUD, DOE, and funding at the state the local level

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Federal Funding Streams for 2024

Department of Energy (DOE)

- Resilient Efficient Code Implementation (RECI) Program
- Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption (IRA)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Post Disaster Code Administration & Enforcement Assistance (DRRA 1206)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC) Codes Plus Up
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Housing and Urban Development

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (state formula and entitlement programs)
- CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
- CDBG Disaster Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)

ICC Grant Success to Date

- We have supported at least 50 jurisdictions with grant applications in 2023.

- Trained 150 members on our new Federal Grant Basics for Code Officials training course.

- Our Grant Newsletter reaches 1,500 people on average per month.

- Have dedicated at least 10 hours per month to 1:1 technical assistance with members from states, tribes, and territories

- ICC is a recipient of a FY 23 RECI grant award and a partner on 8 other projects supporting states across the country on energy and building code projects.

Why Does This Matter?

- Why apply for federal grants?

- How can this help us with building codes?

- What's the greatest challenge with grants?

> **Big Picture**
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> "…adopting building codes is the single most effective thing we can do! One change in building codes can save lives and protect property for generations to come." – FEMA, *Building Codes Save*

Resilient and Efficient Code Implementation (RECI) Program

$225 million -- $90 Million for 2024

competitive grants for **"sustained cost-effective implementation of updated energy codes"** (Sec. 40511 of the IIJA)

Seeking State and other Jurisdictional Partners for 2 RECI projects

- The University of Miami Project assesses the impact of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) on diverse U.S. climate regions, aiming to achieve zero-carbon electricity by 2035 and net-zero emissions by 2050.

- ICC plans to develop a web-based software tool that streamlines energy code provisions for builders and designers, reducing confusion and enhancing compliance. This tool, initially focused on the 2024 IECC Residential Provisions, will generate custom project documents and compliance checklists based on specific project details, benefiting both project teams and code enforcement authorities.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption

$1 billion in assistance for latest and zero building energy code adoption (FY 22-29) (Sec. 50131 of the IRA)

$330M supporting adoption of the latest model energy codes
- 2021 IECC for residential and ASHRAE 90.1-2019 for commercial (or equivalent)

$670M supporting adoption of zero energy codes
- Zero energy provisions of the 2021 IECC (or equivalent stretch code)

Must implement a plan to achieve *full* compliance
- including active training and enforcement programs

- and measure of the rate of compliance each year

Building Code Plus-Up Overview

- $112M State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up ($2M per state or territory)

- $25M Tribal Building Code Plus-Up

- In addition to FY23 State/Territory Allocation ($112M) and Tribal Set-Aside ($50M)

- Purpose is to incentivize building code adoption and enforcement activities such as:

Evaluate adoption and/or implementation of codes that reduce risk.

Enhance existing adopted codes to incorporate more current requirements or higher standards.

Develop professional workforce capabilities through technical assistance and training.

FEMA

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Eligible Costs

- Overtime for budgeted employees

- Straight and overtime for unbudgeted employees & extra hires

- Costs associated with temporary hires or contract support is eligible

- Other costs associated with extra hires or contracted support may be eligible for reimbursement.

- Purchase of supplies and equipment to execute work is eligible

- Legal cost related to enforcing building code or floodplain ordinance

Eligible Code Council Solutions

- ICC/NCSEA Disaster Response Alliance mutual aid resources for post-disaster building safety evaluations.

- The Learning Center's in-person and virtual training and certification offerings on the I-Codes.

- *When Disaster Strikes Institute* for post-disaster damage assessment training

- ICC Plan Review Services

- Purchasing additional code books or Digital Codes Premium licenses.

- Purchase of additional software, including electronic permitting software, electronic records and process management software, or Remote Virtual Inspection software may be eligible for reimbursement on a case-by-case basis.

How Can We Help?

Provide examples of successful applications, support project development, get quotes for ICC services.

Be a partner on grant projects, support collaboration with other partners

Connect you with support with the federal grant process, training of the basics of federal grants, ongoing updates and communication

Grant Training

Grant Basics for Code Officials training is available for members.

If you are interested in hosting this training for your community, chapter, or at a conference please fill out this interest form.

Examples of Previously Funded Code Activities

Statewide Code Training Programs	Statewide earthquake resilience investigation (code review and study)	Statewide building code adoption and enforcement activities	Statewide post-disaster assessment training (ICC's *When Disaster Strikes Institute*)	Development of a State Disaster Response Network
County planning and zoning code update	Building Department Accreditation	Modeling for enhanced building code flood provisions	Fire Safety and Code Development	Territory-wide code update
	Tribal code adoption	Tribal Community Resilient Building Code Implementation	Building code studies to increase state/local flood resilience	

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Thank you!
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