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## Indiana Office of Energy Development Launches Grant to Strengthen Electric Infrastructure

INDIANAPOLIS -- The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) announces a grant funding opportunity to enhance electric grid infrastructure across the state. Grant dollars stem from the Grid Resilience Grant Program, a segment of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Funding will be geared for utilities with priorities focusing on strengthening the reliability of Indiana's electric grid, improving the resilience of the state's electric grid against natural disasters, and demonstrating a commitment to attract, train, and retain a diverse, highly skilled, and well-trained workforce.

Initial allocated funding totals \$9.6 million for two years with a minimum 26 percent of grant dollars set aside for small utilities. Indiana anticipates approximately \$23 million in funding from the grant during its five-year time span.

"We look forward to supporting investment in Indiana's energy infrastructure, which will serve to improve reliability for Hoosiers, and the grant dollars will help reduce the costs of these investments passed onto customers," said Ryan Hadley executive director of the Indiana Office of Energy Development.

Applications are now open and the OED and will soon offer a webinar for interested applicants. Registration information is forthcoming. To learn more about Indiana's Grid Resilience Program and to sign up for future notifications, visit: <a href="https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/grid-resilience-program/">https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/grid-resilience-program/</a>

## **About OED:**

Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) was established to shepherd energy planning and policy development. OED focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive energy planning for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources and supports a strong, dynamic, and growing economy. To further that mission, the OED also grants funding to local communities and other entities, which is made available through the State Energy Program from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Additional information about the Indiana OED may be found at: https://www.in.gov/oed/