

U.S. EPA State Climate & Energy Technical Forum



State Programs for Building Local Government Climate & Energy Planning Capacity

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Local Governments Matter



- Every day, local governments make decisions that impact energy and climate change
- Local actions complement, supplement, and enforce state policies and contribute to meeting state climate objectives
- Key areas of action/control
 - ▶ Municipal Operation: fleets, buildings, street and traffic lights, municipal utilities
 - ▶ Transportation: planning, transit,
 - ▶ Building Energy Use: zoning, permitting, code enforcement, residential/commercial outreach
 - ▶ Waste management: collection, landfills, waste to energy plants, recycling programs, composting
 - ▶ Water/Wastewater Treatment
 - ▶ Adaptation



Local Government Motivations and Needs



- Local Governments are motivated by:
 - ▶ Economics (Energy up to 10% of budget)
 - ▶ Job creation
 - ▶ Air Quality (51% of Americans live with unhealthy air)
 - ▶ Quality of Life
 - ▶ Sustainability
 - ▶ Energy Security and Reliability
- Local Governments need:
 - ▶ Funding (and flexibility in funding mechanisms)
 - ▶ Direct Technical Assistance (identifying options, quantifying results, tools, training, etc)
 - ▶ Access to State Mechanisms (procurement agreements, sample policies, etc)
- It's not enough to have a program—states need to aggressively market resources to local governments.

Key EPA Resources



- Local Clean Energy Strategies Guide
www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/local-best-practices.html
- Local Clean Energy Webcasts
www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html
- Clean Energy Resources Database
http://cfpub.epa.gov/ceird/index.cfm?fuseaction=local.search_js
- Climate Showcase Communities Grants (new \$10 million grant program for local and tribal)
<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local>
- ARRA Resources
<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/recovery.html>

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