

# BUILT Nonprofits (Building Upgrades Inspiring Local Transformation)

## Office Hours #1

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# Introductions



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- The Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) works with state, local, and Tribal governments, **nonprofit organizations**, schools, and community partners to provide technical assistance and **invest in place-based energy projects** that aim to catalyze local economic development and create jobs, **reduce energy costs**, and avoid pollution.



# Office Hours #1 - Agenda

Overview of BUILT Nonprofits

FAQs

- Eligibility
- Cost Share
- Application
- Overview of BETTER Building Assessment Tool

Q&A

# Overview

## What is BUILT Nonprofits?

The **B**uilding **U**pgrades **I**nspiring **L**ocal **T**ransformation (BUILT Nonprofits) funding opportunity will support **nonprofit building improvement projects** that reduce energy use, lower carbon emissions, and generate short and long-term **energy cost savings** so that operational dollars can be **redirected toward mission-critical work**.

This **\$2 million** funding opportunity will provide individual grants of **up to \$100,000**.





## What is BUILT Nonprofits?

**BUILT Nonprofit is funding opportunity for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that own and operate their buildings to receive up to \$100,000 for energy efficiency upgrades.**

### This is an opportunity to:

- Reduce operational costs,
- Minimize your environmental impact, and
- Increase your budget for the programs that matter most!

### Organizations must have the capacity to:

1. Outline need and benefits in streamlined application
2. Measure and meet energy efficiency goals
3. Provide the 20% required cost share
4. Report results – energy savings and community impact





# Review Criteria



## Criterion 1: Energy Related Impacts of Upgrade (40%)

- Energy Savings\*
- Energy Cost Savings\*
- Emission Reductions\*
- Plan to Measure Energy Impacts
- Specifications or Rationale for Proposed Upgrade

\*Estimates



## Criterion 2: Organizational Capacity and Need (30%)

- Project Team Composition
- Timeline
- Statement of Need



## Criterion 3: Community Related Impacts (30%)

- Justice40 Community Benefits
- Reinvestment to Mission

## Eligibility: Multiple Buildings

### **Our nonprofit owns multiple buildings. Can we submit one application for multiple sites?**

Yes, an application can include multiple buildings (as long as they are owned and operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit) and/or multiple eligible upgrades. Please note that the request cannot be over \$100,000.

### **Our nonprofit owns multiple buildings. Can we submit more than one application?**

Nonprofits are encouraged to submit only their best proposal, given the expected demand for this opportunity.

# Eligibility: New and Ongoing Projects

## Can I apply for a new construction project?

While design services for a new construction project are not eligible for funding, incremental costs associated with the installation of materials (product, equipment, or system) in a new construction project may be eligible if it aligns with the period of performance. New construction projects must be able to show demonstratable efficiency measurement and verification.

## If we have a project already underway, are we eligible to apply?

The grant will not cover anything already purchased. However, energy improvement(s) within the scope for a current project may be covered.

## Eligibility: Organizations

**Our nonprofit is not located in a Disadvantaged Community/Justice40 area, but our programs serve a Disadvantaged Community. Can we apply?**

- ❖ Yes. Being located in a DAC is not a requirement to apply.
- ❖ In the application, organizations can indicate whether they are located in and/or serving a disadvantaged community.

**Our nonprofit is associated under an umbrella 501(c)(3). Can we apply?**

- ❖ Organizations listed on its umbrella organizations' 501(c)(3) designation are eligible.

**Our nonprofit is fiscally-sponsored by a parent organization with a 501c3 letter. Can we apply?**

- ❖ No, based on statutory requirements, applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits themselves that own and operate their own building. Being fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) does not make a non-501(c)(3) organization eligible.



# Questions about eligibility?



# Application: National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)

**Do we need to understand and consider the SHPO consultation and NEPA review prior to applying, or will we get guidance on if/what is required and how to navigate if we're selected?**

More guidance on how to navigate NEPA review and any SHPO consultations will be provided once selected.



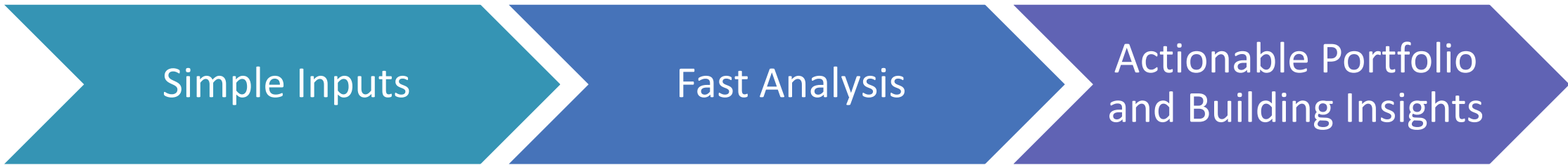
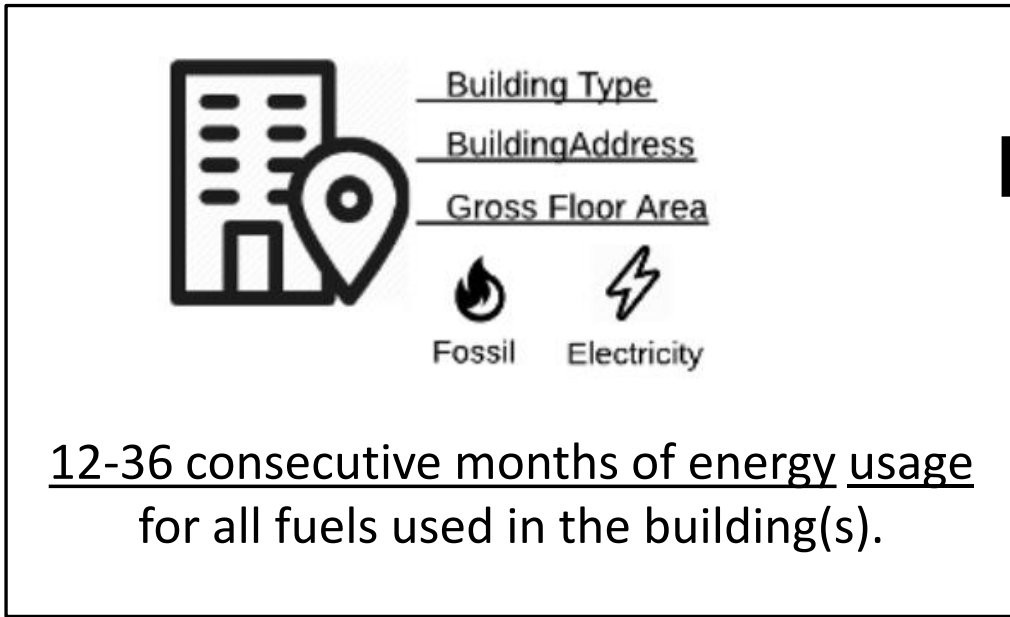
# Application: Energy Assessment

**I don't have an energy audit. What other information can I provide to support why our building needs a specific upgrade?**

- ❖ Building Assessments may be in the form of a BETTER Report, energy modeling analysis, reports from contractors, or equivalent to be uploaded in the application.
  - BETTER is a tool to quickly and easily identify the most cost-saving energy efficiency measures in buildings and portfolios using readily available building and energy data. [better-lbnl](#)
- ❖ Under “Building Assessment” in the “Improvement” section of the application, you can provide a written justification for the energy improvement to provide more detail, such as age and status of equipment.

**Note:** BETTER reports should be uploaded as a PDF. Save the webpage through print to PDF or by including screenshots.

# Application: Justifying energy improvements with BETTER

Building Type  
 Building Address  
 Gross Floor Area  
 Fossil Electricity

12-36 consecutive months of energy usage for all fuels used in the building(s).

**Cost Savings (USD / \$):**  
**2,506,975**  
**21.4 %**

- [Reduce Equipment Schedules](#)
- [Reduce Lighting Load](#)
- [Reduce Plug Loads](#)
- [Decrease Heating Setpoints](#)
- [Increase Cooling System Efficiency](#)



Energy Consumption

Annual Electricity (kWh) | Fossil Fuel (kWh) | Savings Potential (USD)



# Questions about the application?



# Cost Share: Examples of Allowable Cash Cost Share

## Cash cost share can be from the...

- ❖ Operating Fund
- ❖ Endowment
- ❖ Rebates and Incentives
  - However, cost share must be provided at each milestone, not at the end of the project.

**Note:** Applicants should state the source of cost share in the Cost Share Documentation.

# Cost Share: In-Kind Cost Share

## Can in-kind cost share be...

- ❖ Related to other projects?
  - No, it must be directly tied to this investment.
- ❖ From federal funding?
  - No.

## Examples of in-kind cost share...

- ❖ Donated installation services from community partner
- ❖ Staff time directly tied to the project investment

**Note:** Applicants should state the source of cost share in the Cost Share Documentation.

# Post-Award: Payment Process

## Can you provide more details about the funding process?

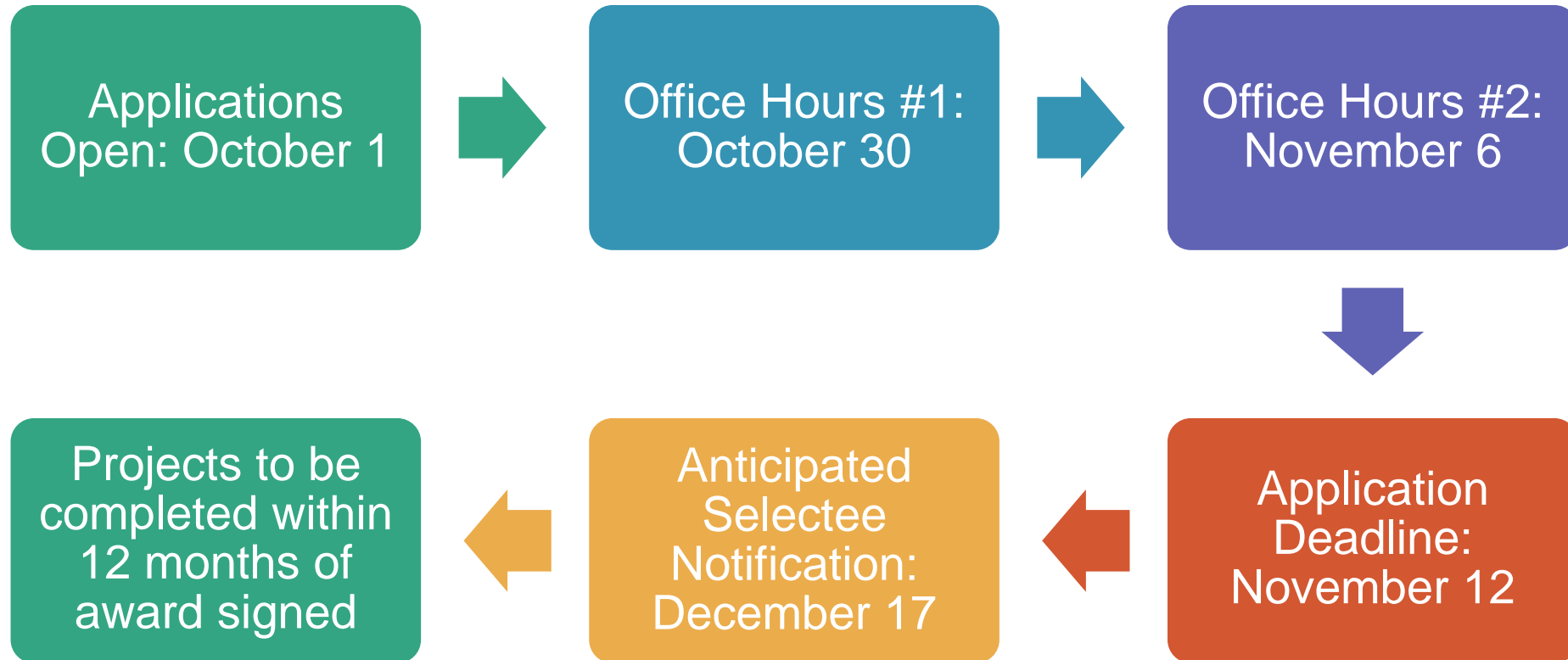
Performers will be paid based on agreed upon milestones throughout the project, including to reimburse activities. Performers will need to provide proper documentation to show the milestone was met (i.e. receipts, timecards, etc.)

## What is the timeline for getting funding following an invoice?

The performer will receive payment for milestones completed 30 days after invoice submission.



# Key Dates





# Questions about BUILT Nonprofits?



# Thank you!

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