

# COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CEED)

*Empowering Communities. Reducing Energy Burdens. Improving Health.*

## CEED is an Equity Initiative,

relieving the hidden Energy Burden in low-income communities.

*Key facts:*

- Most households spend 2–5% of income on home energy
- Low-income households spend 17%—over \$4,000/year for families living on \$25,000
- This burden makes even basic home improvements nearly impossible without support

## CEED is a Public Health Initiative

*Key facts:*

High energy costs directly affect health; energy burdens=health burdens.

- Increased respiratory and cardiovascular conditions
- Higher risk of arthritis, asthma, and allergies
- Stress-related mental health impacts
- Cold climates: higher mortality
- Hot climates: dehydration & heat-related illnesses

These burdens stack, making it harder to stay healthy and safe.



## CEED is a Sustainability Initiative

*Key facts:*

- The Building Sector makes up 56% of the greenhouse gas emissions in Albuquerque
- Maximizing energy efficiency in our homes can cut energy use & emissions **in half by 2050**

### Benefits of Energy Efficiency Programs

- Saves **6 American lives every day**
- Avoids **up to \$20 billion** in health harms each year
- Provides up to **75% health improvement ROI** in low-income housing
- Saves households **~\$500/year** in avoided energy costs

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## Timeline & Progress of CEED Program

### Early 2020s – City of Albuquerque Launches CEE Community Energy Efficiency Program

- Albuquerque City Council appropriated **\$100,000** annually for 3 years (**\$300,000 total**)
- Addressed infrastructure gaps not covered by utility programs
- City contracted with Prosperity Works to expand community-based implementation
- Received **state and national recognition** for its community-centered approach

### 2023–2024: CEED Program Development

- CEE success informed the **CEED** program
- City of Albuquerque submitted application to CEED in **late 2023**
- City of Abq notified of award in **mid-2024**

### State Funding Overview: \$10 Million Total, awarded to 8 applicants (ranging \$800k–\$2M):

- Albuquerque
- Aztec
- Las Cruces
- Town of Bernalillo
- County of Santa Fe
- City of Santa Fe
- Taos
- Housing NM



### Challenges Getting CEED Started

- CEED was a **brand-new program**
- Required a full **municipal ordinance**, (enacted by City of Abq in April 2025)
- Required budget revisions
- Delays due to new structure, approvals, and administrative setup

### July 2025: Official Launch

- City of Albuquerque **officially launched CEED at the start of the Fiscal Year**
- Prosperity Works began field work **July 2025**
- Despite delays, the City is pleased to bring this crucial program to residents

### Next Steps & Vision

- City of Albuquerque supports CEED!
- Let's continue building community trust, improving health, and reducing energy burdens one home at a time.