

# **EPIC** ENERGY PROGRAM *for* INNOVATION CLUSTERS **PRIZE SHOWCASE**

Featuring startups selected by the most innovative incubators in the U.S.

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# About EPIC ENERGY PROGRAM *for* INNOVATION CLUSTERS

Office of Technology Transitions EPIC Prize incentivizes incubators that implement high-impact ideas to support energy startups

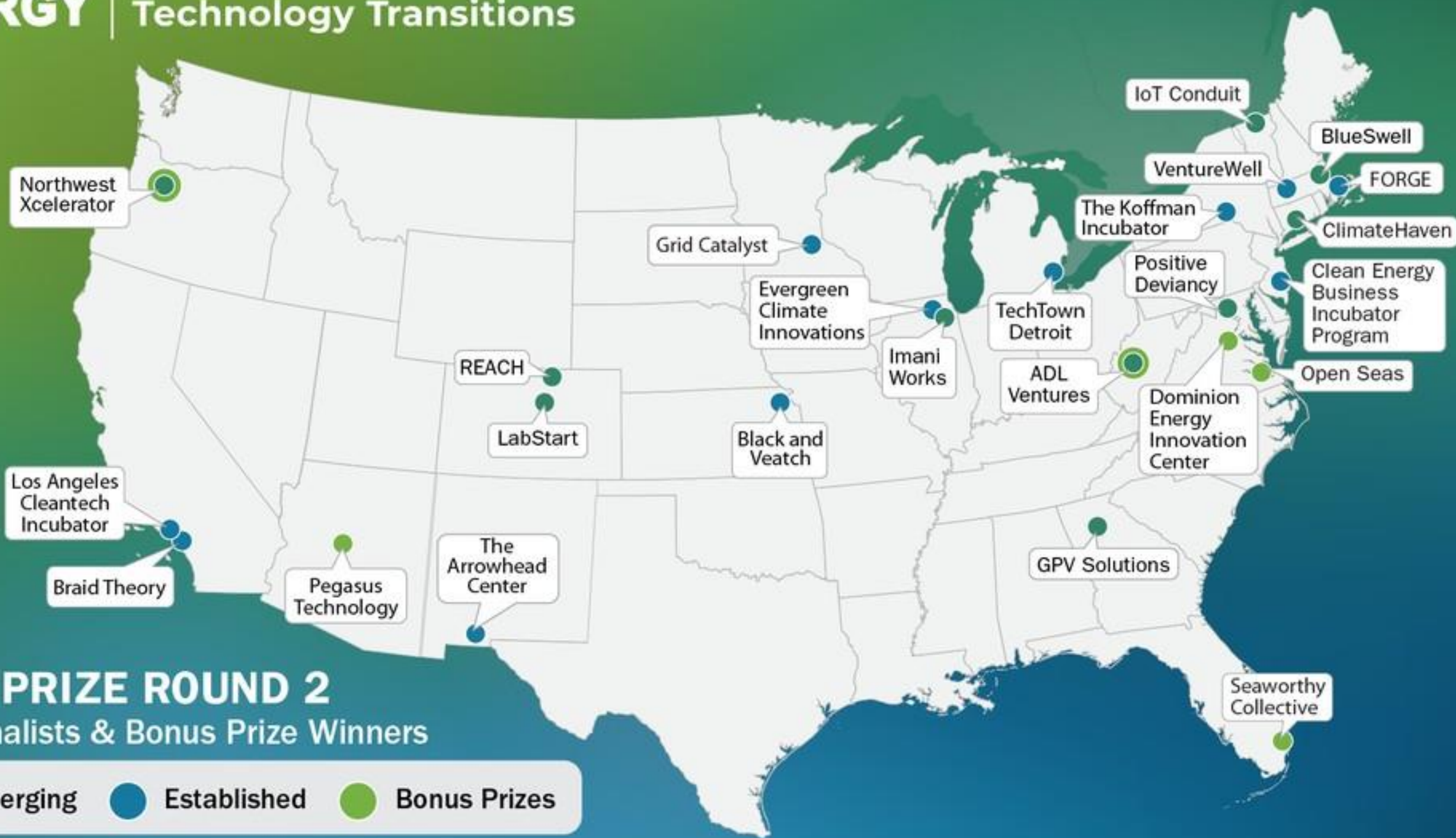
- 24 semifinalists
- \$50,000 prize each
- Nominated startups for today's showcase



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# Featured Startups

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- Kind Designs (*Miami, FL*)
- Aloft Systems (*Denver, CO*)
- Diversican Corporation (*Suwanee, GA*)
- Scale Materials (*Waynesboro, VA*)
- Nitricity (*San Francisco, CA*)
- Module (*Pittsburgh, PA*)
- Firomar (*College Point, NY*)
- Kazadi Enterprises Ltd. (*Batavia, IL*)
- Plug Zen (*Detroit, MI*)
- Natrion (*Binghamton, NY*)
- Carba (*Minneapolis, MN*)
- Mars Materials (*Oakland, CA*)
- Verde Technologies (*Burlington, VT*)
- OMC Hydrogen (*Boulder, CO*)
- Sunesta Solar, Inc. (*Surprise, AZ*)
- SolTek Nano (*Las Vegas, NV*)
- Sol Clarity (*Somerville, MA*)
- Navia Energy (*San Jose, CA*)
- BuildingLens (*Portland, OR*)
- CorePower Magnetics (*Pittsburgh, PA*)
- Gemini Energy Solutions (*Washington, DC*)
- Linebird (*Richmond, VA*)
- BRASH Power (*Branford, CT*)
- Argyle Earth (*San Jose, CA*)

Check the agenda for the details about when each startup presents: [bit.ly/epic-showcase-agenda](https://bit.ly/epic-showcase-agenda)



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# FUNDING RESOURCES

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# INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

## \$370B for clean energy and climate programs

- Tax credits
- Loan authority
- Rebates for home appliances and efficiency upgrades
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (National Green Bank)
- Rural programs
- Environmental justice grants

## Want to learn more?

- Check out CEBN's Frequently Asked Questions resource



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# BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

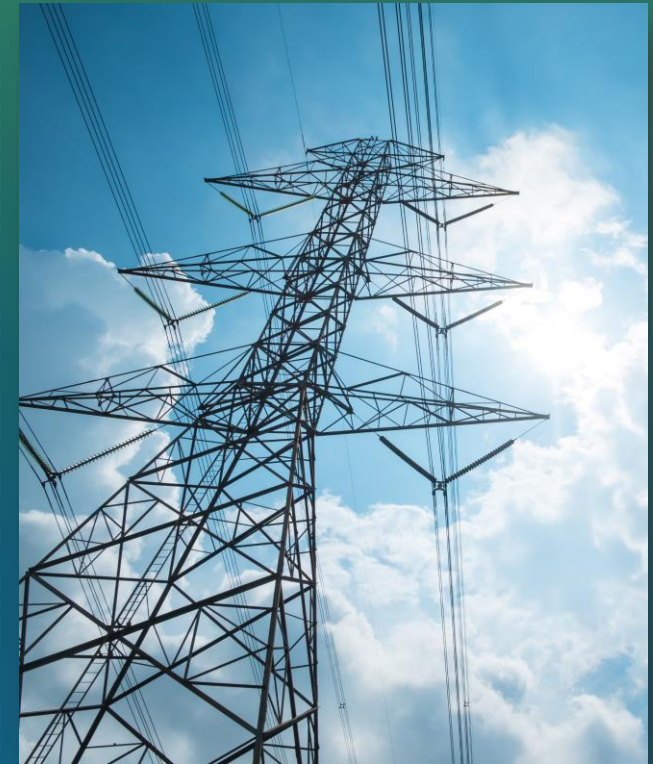
\$80B for clean energy, efficiency, and transportation

\$1.2T total for infrastructure

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure - \$7.5B
- Weatherization Assistance Program - \$3.5B
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants - \$550M
- Energy Efficiency Materials Pilot Program for Nonprofits - \$50M
- Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas - \$1B

Want to learn more?

- Check out CEBN's *Breaking Down the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* blog series: [bit.ly/breaking-down-bil](https://bit.ly/breaking-down-bil)





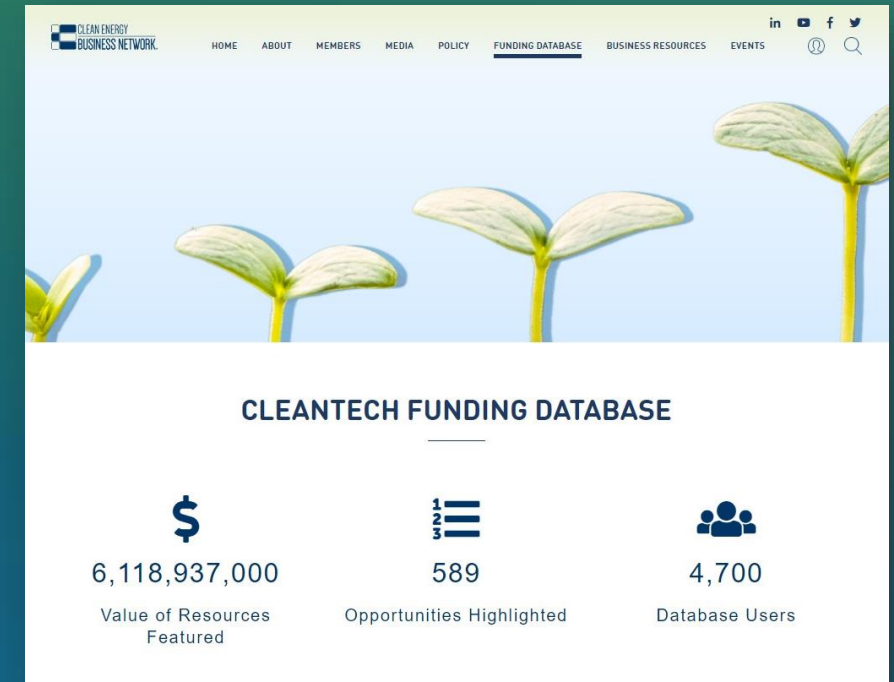
# CLEANTECH FUNDING DATABASE

## Discover funding for your next clean energy project

- Research, development, and demonstration funding
- Incubators and accelerators
- Community-level projects
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- Technical Assistance
- Research fellowships

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- Filter by technology type, stage, and resource type



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# AMERICAN-MADE CHALLENGES

Cash prize competitions for clean energy innovation and deployment, including:

- Energizing Rural Communities Prize
- Net Load Forecasting Prize
- Lighting Prize
- EAS-E Home Electrification Prize
- Community Power Accelerator Prize
- SolarApp+ Prize
- Direct Air Capture (DAC) Prize
- Microbattery Design Prize
- Buildings Upgrade Prize
- Carbon Management Collegiate Competition
- Hydropower Collegiate Competition
- and more...

Explore the **American-Made Network** to connect with 250+ organizations across the country that can support prize participants.

Visit [americanmadechallenges.org](https://americanmadechallenges.org) to learn more.

# ENERGIZING RURAL COMMUNITIES PRIZE

This prize awards up to \$300,000 to organizations or companies taking steps to develop clean energy projects in rural or remote communities.

## What type of projects are eligible to compete?

Projects that take the first steps necessary to developing a clean energy project (no construction needed)

- Partner Track: facilitate new or existing partnership that enable the development of clean energy projects
- Finance Track: connect communities to capital for current or future clean energy projects

**Phase 1:** closes May 24, 2023 - \$100,000 each for up to 90 winners





# ENERGIZING RURAL COMMUNITIES PRIZE



CEBN and other Power Connectors are hosting office hours to support applicants on this prize.

[Sign up for office hours and learn more!](#)



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# SBIR / STTR PROGRAM

The Small Business Innovation Research / Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) programs offer equity-free funding for innovating and commercializing new technologies at eleven federal agencies.

The Department of Energy offers two solicitations for SBIR/STTR Phase 1 funding every year.

- Topics are released in July and November, with full applications due in October and February respectively.
- Phase 1 offers ~\$200,000 in funding and the opportunity to apply for additional funding in Phase 2.

Learn more about the SBIR/STTR program:  
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