Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

The Office of Energy Resources (OEMR) was originally created through Executive Order (EO) in 1975. The office is responsible for coordinating energy and mineral resource planning and policy development for the State. OEMR serves as a resource for policy makers and first point of contact for the State on energy and mineral matters. It coordinates efforts with federal, state, and local governments on issues concerning energy requirements, supply, transmission, management, and efficiency efforts as well as mineral supply, management, acquisition, and development. The OEMR budget request is found on page 6-63 of the Legislative Budget Book.

Five-Year Average Expenditures by Fund Source

$465,980
$407,574

47%
53%

Dedicated Funds:
- Indirect Cost Recovery Fund
- Renewable Energy Resources Fund
- Miscellaneous Revenue Fund
- Petroleum Price Violation Fund

Notes:
• Authorized 8.00 FTP
• The most recent agency audit was issued July 9th, 2020 with no findings

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/
The Idaho Governor’s Office of Energy and Mineral Resources

Leading Idaho in energy conservation, savings, and resilience

JFAC Presentation
February 14, 2022
Executive Order 2020-17

- Continues the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources
- Coordinate energy planning and policy development in Idaho
- Coordinate the state’s comments on all federal energy policy issues and documents
- Serve as Idaho’s clearinghouse for energy information
- Represent Idaho in regional and national energy and mineral policy forums and processes
- Administer loan & financial assistance programs
Office of Energy and Mineral Resources Organizational Chart

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Energy & Mineral Projects

Mining Projects
Many critical mineral, phosphate, gold, silver and other hard rock mines

Energy Infrastructure Projects
Major transmission and distribution, energy storage and electric vehicle infrastructure projects

Renewable Energy Projects
Hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal and nuclear projects

Energy Efficiency & Conservation
Government Leading by Example, Idaho Leadership in Energy Efficiency Awards, State Energy Loan Program
OEMR Funding Sources

- State Energy Program (SEP) Formula Grant (DOE)
- Federal Indirect Fund
- Petroleum Violation funds (PVE)
- Renewable Energy Resources Fund (Geothermal Royalties)
Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act 2021

- The U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Transportation are developing guidance for administering funds and programs included in IIJA.
- IIJA directs 3 funding sources to State Energy Offices and additional competitive grants.
- Funds are expected to be received in SFY2023.
- OEMR is working with partners throughout the State including energy providers, cities, counties, private sector and rural communities to identify potential projects and programs.
- The Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance will also help identify potential projects and programs.
Governor’s Recommendation: SFY22 $15 million

- The Governor recommends $15,000,000 supplemental in general funds for the Energy Resiliency Grant Program.
  - Funds will be used to support grid modernization, energy reliability, and wildfire resilience projects throughout the State.
  - Funds can be used as cost match for competitive grid infrastructure grants included in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
State Energy Program Funding
LBB 6-66

- $4.8 million over 5 years
- Governor’s Recommendation: SFY23 $854,400
  - $849,100 federal funds
  - $5,300 dedicated funds
  - 1 Limited-Service FTP
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
LBB 6-66

- $1.9 million over 5 years
- Governor’s Recommendation: SFY23 $500,400
  - $495,100 federal funds
  - $5,300 dedicated funds
  - 1 Limited-Service FTP
Energy Efficiency Loan Program
LBB 6-67

- Governor’s Recommendation: SFY23 $171,700
  - $166,100 federal funds
  - $5,300 dedicated funds
  - 1 Limited-Service FTP
Thank you

Questions?