

Energy Efficient Cities Initiative

Selection Criteria for EECI Good Practice Awards

The selection criteria below for EECI Good Practice Awards are in accordance with the EECI good practice award application. An Evaluation Committee composed of experts in energy efficiency both from the World Bank and other partner institutions will review and assess each application based on these criteria for two awards categories: (i) *high impact projects*, i.e., those programs that have achieved significant energy savings and other important co-benefits to the city; and (ii) *innovative initiatives*, which have pioneered new programs or developed novel implementation models for conducting energy efficiency measures within their cities.

Results and Benefits

This criterion relates to whether the project or initiative has resulted in energy savings and related cost benefits, local and global environmental benefits, or co-benefits (e.g., job creation, increased investments, crime decline, etc.), and made project beneficiaries better off. Reported benefits should include the monitoring and evaluation system in place to measure and verify them.

Innovation

This criterion relates to whether any new and innovative measures and considerations (e.g., technical, financial or institutional), which are different from normal practice in the region where the city is located, have been incorporated in project design and implementation. The potential scalability of these innovations will be also evaluated under this criterion.

Cost Effectiveness

Whether the project or initiative is cost-effective will be evaluated under this criterion. The attempt to quantify benefits and report on program costs by the city will be also evaluated.

Spillover Effects

This criterion relates to whether the project or initiative has led to any increased interests in energy efficiency projects or institutional/policy change. Any follow-up energy efficiency projects in the city, neighboring cities, or at the national level will be also evaluated.

Sustainability

This criterion relates to whether the project or initiative is sustainable financially, institutionally and in terms of energy savings or effectiveness beyond the project implementation period.

Replicability, Transferability, and Scalability

Whether the project or initiative has been or is able to be scaled-up in the same administrative jurisdiction, or it is ready for replication to other cities/regions of the country will be evaluated under this criterion. The project timeframe and financing will be also evaluated in terms of feasibility and reasonability.