



Grant Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and  
Renewable Energy

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# Overview of MEA

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- ▶ The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) administers energy programs that focus on:
  - ▶ **Energy efficiency**
  - ▶ **Renewable energy**
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Reliability

# MEA Funding Streams

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- ▶ **Federal: ~\$1M each year**
  - ▶ Includes competitive awards that MEA has applied for on behalf of the State.
- ▶ **State General Funds: \$0**
- ▶ **State Special Funds: Varies year-to-year based on the performance of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).**

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# MEA Programs



# EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities Low-to-Moderate Income Grant Program

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Objective: Enable energy efficiency projects that benefit low- or moderate-income Maryland residents.

Eligible entities: Non-profits and local governments. Past participants include housing authorities, senior living facilities, and community action councils.

Funding: Up to \$9M in fiscal year 2015, subject to availability



# Clean Energy Grant Program

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- ▶ Overview: Program provides grants for renewable energy projects on both a residential and commercial scale.
  - ▶ Solar PV
  - ▶ Solar Thermal
  - ▶ Geothermal
- ▶ Funding: Up to \$4M in FY15, subject to availability
- ▶ Eligibility: varies by program





# Maryland Smart Energy Communities

Overview: In return for voluntarily adopting energy goals related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, and/or transportation, as well as creating an energy baseline and energy action plan, local governments gain access to grant funding to enable energy projects in their community.

Funding: Up to \$2.79M in FY15, subject to availability

Eligible entities: Cities, towns, and counties

Participants: Eight counties and forty-one cities and towns



# Net Zero Schools

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- ▶ Overview: Pilot program to design and construct three new schools that will achieve net zero energy usage (over the course of a year) through incorporation of energy efficiency measures coupled with renewable energy generation.
- ▶ Funding: Up to \$2.7M per school to help fund the incremental costs of design and construction
- ▶ Eligibility: New public schools being constructed within the BGE service territory.





# Additional MEA Programs

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- ▶ **Commercial and Industrial Grant program**
  - ▶ Projects that achieve at least a 20% reduction in electricity usage on a whole-building basis.
  
- ▶ **Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program**
  - ▶ Loan program that provides low-interest loans to businesses, non-profits, and local governments to enable energy efficiency projects.

# Thank You!

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