

Grant Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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Overview of MEA

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



MEA Funding Streams

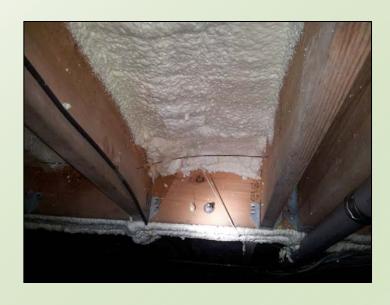
- ▶ Federal: ~\$IM each year
 - Includes competitive awards that MEA has applied for on behalf of the State.
- State General Funds: \$0
- State Special Funds: Varies year-to-year based on the performance of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

MEA Programs

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

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

- 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

- 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





Additional MEA Programs

- 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.

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