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# **Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority 2014 Financial Offering**

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# Agenda

- PEDA Grant and Loan Availability
- Guidance
- Application Process
- Past Successful Projects
- Q & A

# What is PEDA?

- PEDA is an independent public financing authority created in 1982
- 19-member Board of Directors
- DEP provides Staffing Authority
- PEDA's mission is to finance clean, advanced energy projects in Pennsylvania.



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# PEDA Solicitation Overview

\$12.5 M for advanced energy projects and for businesses interested in locating/ expanding alternative energy manufacturing/ production operations in Pennsylvania.

- \$10M is expected to be awarded for renewable energy projects (wind, hydropower, solar and biomass).
- \$2.5M funding also available for alternative fuels, alternative energy manufacturing and alternative energy research.

# Solicitation Timeline

- Solicitation open June 14, 2014 to Aug. 15, 2014
- Applications are scored competitively
- Applications will also be reviewed by the PEDDA technical review subcommittee
- Awards will be voted on and approved by the full PEDDA Board at a meeting to be scheduled early fall

# Eligible Entities

- Corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies
- Associations and other legal business entities
- Non-profit corporations
- Pennsylvania schools, colleges and universities
- Any Pennsylvania municipality, any public corporation, authority or body

# New Guidelines Since Last Round

- Prioritizing renewable energy projects (\$10M)
- Funding for projects \$500,000 and under
  - Requests greater than \$500,000 will require additional justification/special Board approval
  - No requests in excess of \$1 million will be considered
- Period of performance increased to 24 months
- Additional evaluation criterion
- Projects that purchase or convert vehicles to run on alternative fuels are not eligible

# Key Considerations

- Grants will be reimbursement grants; loans will be developed with the assistance of DCED
- Funded activities must be conducted entirely in Pennsylvania and be in compliance with applicable laws
- Applicants may not have any outstanding obligations to the commonwealth, including state/local taxes and environmental violations

# PEDA Application Criteria

- Technical/financial feasibility of project
- Project readiness
- Level of non-PEDA investment
- Quantity of alternative energy or alternative fuel produced, or amount of conventional energy saved or peak load reduction
- Research component directly related to alternative energy

# PEDA Application Criteria (cont.)

- Potential economic benefits
- Number of direct jobs created or the potential to create jobs
- Level of support to new business or venture engaging in the demonstration of new applications or next phase advanced energy technology
- Environmental benefits

# PEDA Application Process

- Link to PEDA Financial Assistance Guidelines  
<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-100913/2014%20PEDA%20Assistance%20Guidelines.pdf>
- Applications accepted online only, using DCNR's eGrant System –  
[www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us)
- The deadline to submit completed applications - 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 2014

# Application Process - Tips

- Submit all required attachments with application
- 24 month period of performance, starts at date of award
- Additional justification for funding requests over \$500K
- Accurately identify project type
- Payment of \$150 by check or money order must be submitted in accordance with process outlined in eGrants system -

[www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us)

# Application Process - Tips

- Talk to your Regional Energy Manager about your project during the application phase
  - Contact list on PEDA fact sheet; in the guidelines package and on PEDA webpage
- Don't wait until the last minute to start
  - Ask questions
  - Upload documents early
  - Review past successful PEDA projects

# Local Success Story

## Hughesville Junior/Senior High School Biomass Project



- Awarded \$800,000 PEDA grant in 2009 to help fund innovative energy project to heat junior and senior high schools and technology center.
- The \$2.3 million “Biomass Using Short Rotation Woody Crops” project combined the installation of biomass heating system with planting of hybrid willow harvested for wood chips and used as fuel source.

# Available Resources

- For Programmatic Questions:
  - Contact list on PEDDA solicitation and Fact Sheet  
Email: [RA-PEDA@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PEDA@pa.gov) Phone: 717-783-8411
- For Technical Problems:
  - Contact the eGrants helpdesk, 1-800-326-7734



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