



Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Funding

The Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA) is offering funding for advanced energy projects, and for businesses interested in locating or expanding their alternative energy manufacturing or production operations in the Commonwealth. PEDA will consider projects such as the manufacturing of alternative energy or energy efficiency equipment or materials; the development and deployment of innovative, clean, advanced and efficient technologies; the generation of alternative energy or the production of alternative fuels; or the implementation of energy efficiency/demand side projects.

Funding Authorized: Approximately \$12.5 million, \$10 million of which will support projects identified as Advanced Energy Projects with an emphasis on renewable energy, such as solar, wind, hydropower, biomass etc. If PEDA does not receive \$10 million in suitable Advanced Energy Projects, other eligible project types may receive this funding.

Application Submission, Deadline and Fees: Applications will be received any time after the grant opening date of June 14, 2014 until the application deadline of August 15, 2014 at 4 p.m. Applications must be submitted, along with all required attachments, via the environmental eGrants system. www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us Applicants must submit a check payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" in the amount of \$150.00. Applicants must send the check to the DEP Grants Center in accordance with the instructions provided in the guidance. Emails, hard copy mailings, or faxes will not be accepted. Applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

An eligible applicant includes any of the following: Corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, associations and other legal business entities; Non-profit corporations; Pennsylvania schools, colleges and universities; and any Pennsylvania municipality and any public corporation, authority or body.

Eligible Project Categories include the following:

- **Advanced Energy Projects**
Projects which deploy: solar energy, wind, low-impact hydropower, geothermal, biomass, biologically derived methane gas including landfill gas, fuel cells, coal-mine methane, waste coal, coal liquefaction, coal polygeneration, integrated gasification combined cycle, and demand management measures including recycled energy and energy recovery, energy efficiency, and load management.
- **Clean Alternative Fuels, Alternative Energy Manufacturing and Alternative Energy Research**
 - Construction of new facilities to produce alternative fuels for transportation
 - Construction of new facilities to provide alternative fuels refueling infrastructure
 - Projects which support manufacture of component parts of the alternative energy sector
 - Projects which support research to advance or commercialize alternative energy projects

All eligible projects must include a research component directly related to alternative energy resources to be eligible for this solicitation.

Key Considerations:

- PEDA expects to fund projects that request grant or loan amounts of \$500,000 and under.
- Requests for amounts greater than \$500,000 will require additional justification to be submitted with the application and special approval by the PEDA Board.
- No applications requesting grant or loan funds in excess of \$1 million will be accepted.
- Applicants awarded a grant or loan will enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth which includes in part the Terms and Conditions contained in Appendix C of the guidance document.
- Projects involving construction or installation of facilities require development of a long-term operation, maintenance, and replacement plan to be included in the grant agreement.
- The 24 month period of performance for the project will begin upon the date of the award.

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Application Evaluation Criteria:

- Technical and financial feasibility of the project;
- Project readiness and whether the applicant has demonstrated ability to complete the project within 24 months from date of award approval;
- Level of non-PEDA investment in the project;
- Quantity of alternative energy or alternative fuel generated or produced by the project or the amount of conventional energy saved or peak load reduced by the project;
- Number of jobs created by the project or the potential to create jobs
- Level of support provided to a new business or venture engaging in the demonstration of new applications of or next phase clean advanced energy technology deployment, with potential for widespread applicability in the Commonwealth;
- Potential economic benefits for the Commonwealth, which may be in the form of job creation, future growth potential, new investment, savings to consumers and/or revenue generation for other beneficiaries such as agricultural businesses, local governments or other landowners;
- Environmental benefits resulting from the project;
- Whether the applicant is a municipality with an Act 47 distress determination;
- Potential to make a significant contribution to alternative energy development or use;

DEP Regional Contacts:

North-central Region: Michele Ferguson – 570-327-3636

(Bradford, Cameron, Clearfield, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties).

Northeast Region: Janet Warnick – 570-826-2511

(Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties).

Northwest Region: Geoff Bristow – 814-332-6681

(Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties).

South-central Region: Mark Hand – 717-705-4703

(Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry and York counties).

Southeast Region: Heather Cowley – 484-250-5900

(Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties).

Southwest Region: Maggie Hall – 412-442-4137

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties).

For Statewide Projects: Project-Related Inquiries (Central Office), David Althoff – 717-783-8411.

Questions regarding the Financial Assistance offering may be directed to PEDA at the above number or by email at RA-PEDA@pa.gov.

Grants Processing, Application Submission and Deadlines: eGrants Help Desk – 800-326-7734 or dcnr-grants@state.pa.us. Questions regarding the online eGrants application system, or for assistance troubleshooting issues with the system, please contact the eGrants Help Desk.