



Municipal Opportunities for Retrofits and Energy Efficiency

MORE Program Informational Webinar

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Agenda

- What is the MORE Program?
- Who is eligible?
- MORE Grant
 - Uses
 - Application
 - Redemption Process
- MORE Loan
- Q & A

What is the MORE Program?

- Two-part energy efficiency funding program for municipalities
 - MORE Grant
 - MORE Loan
- Affordable financing option to address municipalities' energy upgrade needs
- Complete impactful energy-saving projects
- Reduce energy bills

MORE's Primary Goal

To improve energy efficiency for local government buildings and facilities by reducing barriers to affordable financing to accomplish **larger, more effective energy efficiency projects.**

Who is eligible?

- **Pennsylvania municipal governments**
 - Not including municipalities that are direct recipients of DOE's EECBG program
- **Eligible units of government:**
 - Counties
 - Cities
 - Boroughs
 - Towns
 - Townships
 - Municipal Authorities
- **Priority recipients**

MORE Grant

- Approximately \$1.8 million to award
- First come, first served but with reserved funds for priority applicants through Aug 30
- \$50,000 limit for three eligible uses:
 - Level 2 commercial energy audits
 - ECM project design & MORE Loan application development
 - Interest rate buydown
- Applications close October 25, 2024

Grant Uses - Audits

- Required for a MORE Loan
- Minimum audit requirements
- Software using BuildingSync
- Use the “EE-RLF Template”

▶ Grant Uses – Design & Application

- Scoped project based on Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) is required for a MORE Loan
- Consultant services to identify energy projects based on ECMs
- MORE Loan application assistance

▶ Grant Uses – Interest Rate Buydown

- Only applies if an applicant is approved for a MORE Loan
- Can only be used on one MORE loan
- May not surpass 0% interest fee
- Contact your project advisor to confirm your buydown amount
- Should be the last step of the grant

MORE Grant Application

- Open now!
- Must apply in ESA (www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/Login.aspx)
- Step-by-step instructions to sign in and apply on MORE website
- MORE Loan application is separate
- MORE Grant recipients are not required to apply for a MORE Loan

▶ What's Needed for the Application

- Identify:
 - Overview
 - Addresses
 - Descriptions
 - Anticipated costs for grant uses

▶ What's Needed for the Application

- All Level 2 Commercial Energy Audit applicants:
 - Contractor-provided quote

*Level 2 Commercial Energy Audits must be less than 5 years old at the time of application for the MORE Loan

▶ What's Needed for the Application

- ECM Project design & MORE application development applicants not applying for an audit:
 - Contractor provided quote for services
 - Level 2 commercial energy audit results

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- Interest rate buydown applicants not applying for an audit:
 - Level 2 commercial energy audit results

Grant Process

- Award letter email
- 20 days to execute a grant agreement
- No grant funds will be paid without a fully executed grant agreement
- 2 years access to funds
- Quarterly Reports
- Final Report

Grant Redemption



MORE Loan

- Loans can be used for:
 - Retrofits
 - Energy efficiency upgrades
 - Renewable energy generation (when paired with energy efficiency measures)
- Interest rate can be bought down
- Up to 15-year repayment period or the end of the project's useful life

MORE Loan Application

- Loans are administered by the National Energy Improvement Fund (NEIF)
- Apply after audits, project design, and interest rate buydown confirmation
- Apply online at www.neifund.org/moreloan
- This program is not exempt from LGUDA process
- Future MORE Loan webinar

Q&A

Questions can be submitted in the chat



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