

Competition Details

Reducing Industrial Sector Emissions in Pennsylvania (RISE PA) Small Award Track Grant Program - Round 3

Dates

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| Internal Submission Deadline: | Wednesday, April 15, 2026 |
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| Administrator(s): | Olivia Yost (Owner) Alanna Colvin Tanna Pugh |
| Total Funding: | \$40,000,000 |
| Award Range: | \$25,000 - \$500,000 |
| PennTAP Grant Round: | Round 3 |
| PennTAP Round 3 Application Dates: | 01/2026 - 04/2026 |
| Community Bonus Grant: | 10% Increase of Base Grant |
| Fair Labor Bonus Grant: | 10% Increase of Base Grant |
| PennTAP Round 3 Review Dates: | 04/2026 - 08/2026 |

Description

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[Reducing Industrial Sector Emissions in Pennsylvania \(RISE PA\)](#) is a \$396 million statewide industrial decarbonization grant program funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants. The purpose of this program is to offer grants for small-, medium-, and large-scale decarbonization projects at industrial facilities to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) and co-pollutant emissions by promoting investment into emissions reduction equipment and technology and energy efficiency upgrades.

The Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP) at Penn State secured and will manage the \$40 million Small-scale Award Track (SAT) program through the RISE PA initiative.

In addition to reducing the impact of industrial emissions, these investments will help to reinvent manufacturing industries across the Commonwealth and create good jobs and a

durable career pipeline for workers.

InfoReady Application:

- All applicants must use the most recent [RISE PA Grant Guidelines](#) (see 'V3202509' marked in the document footer), which is posted on the PennTAP RISE PA webpage.
- All individuals completing an application through InfoReady, must register as a non-Penn State user. Register using the Login for Other Users option on InfoReady. PennTAP will not have access to this information. Retain your login information.
- All applications can only be submitted through Penn State's InfoReady platform. Applications or documents submitted outside of this platform will not be accepted.
- If you have any technical difficulties with the InfoReady platform, please contact psu-infoready@psu.edu.
- If you have any questions about the RISE PA SAT Grant program, please contact PennTAP_RISEPA@psu.edu.

Program Information:

- RISE PA has been funded from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2029.
- The Small-scale Award Track (SAT) program is anticipated to have 3 rounds of funding in a calendar year (with the exception of 2025 with 2 rounds of funding).
- The SAT program is anticipated to fund projects through April 2029, or until the funds have been obligated.
- The site requesting funds must have manufacturing processes occurring at the **assessed facility site**. The assessed facility site must have fewer than 500 full-time employees.
- The SAT program is a **reimbursement grant**. The site requesting funds must **fund the full project prior to receiving the grant funding**.
- All work or delivery of equipment, etc. must occur during the stated period of performance in the grant agreement. No work or delivery of equipment is permissible prior to receiving written permission from the PennTAP RISE PA SAT team. After submitting a full and complete application, the applicant will receive written permission that, if desired, they may move forward on their project and incur costs. **NOTE: This is a competitive grant and a grant award is not guaranteed.** Any applicant who starts a project and incurs eligible costs (outside of a down payment for equipment) **AFTER** submitting a full and complete application **BUT BEFORE** receiving a fully executed grant agreement does so **at their own risk**.
- **Projects are required to comply with Davis Bacon and Related Acts (prevailing wage) and Build America Buy America Act (made in America).**
- All projects are required to meet the RISE PA apprenticeship requirements for project construction or qualify for a Good Faith Exemption from the PA DEP. Review the grant guidelines for more information.
- Application materials will be considered nonconfidential for the purposes of this grant.

The PA DEP is required to report certain metrics to EPA in a semi-annual report. PennTAP is responsible for reporting the SAT related metrics to DEP for their reporting. Portions of these reports may be made publicly available and should not contain Confidential Business Information (CBI).

Award Information:

- Project with total eligible costs between \$50K and \$1M are eligible to apply in the SAT program.
- An eligible grant award is 50% of the total project cost.
- An applicant can apply for the Community Benefits Bonus and/or the [Fair Labor Bonus](#) to increase their grant award by 10% – 20% of the base grant award.
- Projects must be completed 12 months AFTER the signing of the Sub-award Grant Agreement.
- **A full and complete application includes all attachments at the time of submission.**

Application Guidance:

- Please contact the PennTAP RISE PA team (PennTAP_RISEPA@psu.edu) in advance of the application deadline if you need assistance with completing your application or have questions about the RISE PA program. We can connect you to resources and support. You are able to save your application and return to it as needed, prior to submitting.
- Examples of a completed application, detailed budget form, technical assessment report, and other documentation can be found on [PennTAP's RISE PA website](#).
- **A site requesting funds can only submit one application at a time in a round.**
- Requesting manufacturing sites must obtain their Unique Entity ID (UEI) number through [Sam.gov](https://sam.gov). If you have not yet received your UEI number, please write 'pending' and provide this information to the RISE PA SAT team as soon as you receive it.
- If you are awarded RISE PA SAT funds, the manufacturing facility will be required to register as a Penn State Supplier to receive their reimbursement. If you already are registered as a Penn State Supplier, you may include your supplier number in the application.
- At minimum, an applicant **IS REQUIRED** to submit the following attachments for a complete application:
 - 12 consecutive months of all eligible site's utility bills (not including cable/internet).
 - Bills will be uploaded as one file, per fuel type.
 - All relevant project quotes. **Quotes must be itemized so that eligible and ineligible costs are easily identified and labor and other costs can be determined.** Quotes should indicate that prevailing wage is included in the labor costs. Guidance for RISE PA project quotes can be found on the RISE PA [website](#).
 - A complete [Detailed Budget Form](#) listing the applicant's cost share vs. the grant reimbursable project costs. Labor costs for project construction must be included

- in the Personnel category and reflect the cost breakdown on the itemized quote.
 - Equipment specification sheets, brochures, and any technical design and engineering documentation as applicable to the project.
 - A Technical Assessment Report as defined in the RISE PA SAT Grant Guidance Document. (see Appendix E of the grant [guidance](#)).
 - Letters from the facility's senior leadership documenting the financial commitment of the applicant for the total project cost (internal business capital, financing, or other funding mechanisms, such as other grant programs). Note that a single audit or other confidential financial information should not be included in the application.
 - [EPA's Simplified GHG Emissions Calculator](#) for requesting site's GHG Baseline emissions. This may be completed by the Qualified Assessor completing the Technical Assessment Report/Letter.
 - [EPA's Simplified GHG Emissions Calculator](#) for requesting site's GHG project emissions savings. This may be completed by the Qualified Assessor completing the Technical Assessment Report/Letter.
- As a best practice, please highlight the information on any specification sheets and/or project documentation to indicate where the relevant information is listed on the reference(s). This will aid in the review process and ensure information is not missed.
- You **MAY NEED** the following attachments:
 - The facility's lease agreement and [Land Owners Consent Form](#).
 - A letter from the Manufacturing Facility leadership is required, authorizing a Property Manager to complete an application on their behalf. This letter must include the UEI. This letter should also acknowledge that the Manufacturing Facility is responsible for MMV reporting. **The RISE PA SAT program may only award funds to a manufacturing facility.**
 - A Technical Assessment Letter as an addendum to the Technical Assessment Report. This may be required if the original Technical Assessment Report does not meet the requirements outlined in Appendix E of the RISE PA SAT Grant Guidelines, or if the utility bills included in the full Technical Assessment Report are older than 8 months. A Qualified Assessor should conduct an updated utility bill analysis and complete a Technical Assessment Letter to address outdated or missing required information.
- All applications will be reviewed collectively within their SAT funding tier after the close of the grant round.

Review Process:

- There are **3 reviews** that will take place to assess all applications:
 - Administrative: checking for a full and complete application. This takes place after the submission of a grant application.
 - Technical: verifying the project's alignment with the mission of the RISE PA program, GHG emissions reduction, project timeline feasibility, and overall project impacts, as well as a review of the proposed budget and provided quotes. This

takes place after the close of the funding round.

- Selection Committee: comparing tiered projects competitively, reviewing total project costs vs. GHG savings, conservation opportunities, life expectancy of the project vs. simple payback, and overall project impacts as they align with the RISE PA program goals. This takes place after the close of the round.

Post Review and Next Steps:

- Awards will be announced for this round in July-August 2026.
- Selected applicants will receive and sign a non-negotiable Sub-award Grant Agreement with Penn State.
- Projects have 12 months from the date of the Sub-award Grant Agreement to complete implementation.
- Projects will be reimbursed after showing proof of \$0 invoices, photos of the implemented project, and details on the operability of the equipment. More guidance will be provided to successful applications.
 - Quarterly progress reports will be submitted through InfoReady.
- Projects are required to submit Monitoring, Measurement, and Verification (MMV) data 13-months after the project's implementation.
 - A final report will be submitted through InfoReady.
- If a project is not selected, and the project has yet to move forward, the project may be resubmitted in a future grant round.

Technical Assessment Reports:

To be eligible, you must have a [completed site assessment](#), which can be completed by PennTAP or another RISE PA partner at no-cost for eligible applicants or by another Qualified Assessor. These assessments aim to provide small to mid-sized manufacturers with education on site-specific energy efficiency opportunities, assistance in prioritizing best practices, and a Technical Assessment Report. The Technical Assessment Report resulting from the site assessment acts as the first step towards applying for funding from the RISE PA program.

A Technical Assessment Report can pre-date the RISE PA program, back to calendar year 2022 (date for when the report was received by applicant), as long as the project is still applicable. Note that the most current utility bills must be within 8 months of the date of the application. If the bills are older than 8 months, an updated utility bill analysis is required. Have a Qualified Assessor complete a Technical Assessment Letter with an updated utility bill analysis for any outdated or missing required information. Information about the requirements of a Technical Assessment Report can be found in Appendix E of the RISE PA SAT Grant Guidelines on the PennTAP RISE PA [website](#).

Scope 1 and Scope 2 Emissions:

To be eligible, all sources of Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions related to the manufacturing facility AND the specified project must be included in the application. RISE PA requires that a facility baseline is completed, reviewing all of the Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions relevant to the facility, and that reduced Scope 1 and/or Scope 2 emissions related to the project are also captured. This data is determined using the [EPA's Simplified GHG Emissions Calculator](#). These estimates must be included in the Technical Assessment report and in the RISE PA SAT application. The Qualified Assessor should provide the applicant with two (2) completed [EPA's Simplified GHG Emissions Calculators](#), one (1) for the facility's baseline and one (1) for the estimated project savings.

- **Scope 1: Direct Emissions**
 - Stationary Combustion
 - Mobile Combustion
 - Fugitive Emissions
 - Process Emissions
- **Scope 2: Energy-related Indirect Emissions**
 - Purchased Electricity
 - Purchased Heat and Steam
- For the purposed of this grant program, please focus on the following areas. Some of these areas may not apply to your defined boundary:
 - Electricity Data
 - Stationary Fuel Data (for all Fuel types)
 - Mobile Fuel Data
 - Refrigeration and AC Data (including rooftop units)
 - Fire Suppression Data
 - Purchased Gases
- Use Location-Based Emissions for this grant program.
- For gases and/or chemicals that are not listed in [EPA's Simplified GHG Emissions Calculator](#), please refer to the program FAQs.
- Scope 3 GHG Emissions and offset options that are outside the defined boundary (such as purchased carbon credits) are not part of this grant program.

Due Date for full and complete applications:

April 15, 2026 by 11:59pm EDT.

Contact Information:

Questions concerning the RISE PA SAT Grant program and application may be submitted to

PennTAP_RISEPA@psu.edu.

This description provides only program highlights. Please carefully review the program guidelines and [PennTAP's RISE PA website](#) for any requirements and expectations related to eligibility, applicant restrictions, project limitations, budget and timeline expectations, MMV requirements, and project criteria before submitting to this application round.

By submitting an application, all applicants acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Sub-award Agreement. Submission of an application constitutes acceptance of these non-negotiable terms. The terms and conditions can be found on the [PennTAP RISE PA webpage](#).