Resources for Commercial, Multifamily, Nonprofit, Government, and Institutional Buildings:

Funding for your Energy Efficiency Project & Energy-Related Savings Opportunities

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This document provides an overview of various funding and financing opportunities for buildings that are planning to pursue energy efficiency projects. Explore rebate programs, federal tax credits, funding databases, loan options, and more opportunities to help your building make critical, energy-related improvements. ***Please note that program and funding information may be subject to change. To the best of our knowledge, this document reflects opportunities that are available as of July 2026. Suggested edits can be submitted to hello@sustainablewestchester.org .***

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Important Acronyms

ASHP	Air-Source Heat Pumps
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
CFA	Consolidated Funding Application
EIC	Energy Improvement Corporation
EPAct	Energy Policy Act of 2005
ESD	Empire State Development
GSHP	Ground-Source Heat Pumps
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation, and Cooling
LED	Light-Emitting Diode
MBE	Minority-Owned Business Enterprise
NYCEEC	New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation
NYS	New York State
NYS SHPO	New York State - State Historic Preservation Office
NYSCA	New York State Council on the Arts
NYSERDA	New York State Energy Research & Development Authority
PACE	Property Assessed Clean Energy
REDC	Regional Economic Development Councils
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission

Energy Study Funding Opportunities

It is highly recommended, as a first step, that buildings obtain an energy study. Energy studies help to evaluate a building's current energy use and recommend specific energy efficiency and decarbonization strategies. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) offers discounted energy assessments for nonprofits and other entities through its Green Jobs Green New York and Flexible Technical Assistance programs.

Green Jobs Green New York (GJGNY)

- NYSERDA Green Jobs Green New York Energy Studies: Offers a reduced-cost energy study for nonprofits (and small businesses) to analyze cost- and energy-saving opportunities. Participants receive an in-person site visit and final report that includes:
    - An assessment of current building conditions & HVAC equipment;
    - An analysis of the building's utility bills (heating, cooling, and general electric consumption);
    - An evaluation of capital improvement and energy efficiency opportunities.
- The final report can be used to strengthen a nonprofit's grant application, if they're seeking funding to support the costs associated with the recommended upgrades.
    - *Note that previous GJGNY participants have to wait 3 years before reapplying to the program for a new energy study.*
- **Eligibility:**
    - Eligible participants: small commercial businesses (100 full-time employees or less) OR non-profits of any size
    - Building must be under 50,000 square feet
- **Cost Share:**
    - $100-$500 cost share for the nonprofit, depending on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees working for the organization/business that is applying. *See the cost share table below*.

FTE Working in an Eligible Space/Building	Energy Study Cost-Share per Facility for Small Commercial*	Energy Study Cost-Share per Facility for Not-for-profits*
10 FTE or less	$100	$100
Over 10 FTE and 50 FTE or less	$250	$250
Over 50 FTE and 100 FTE or less	$500	$500
Over 100 FTE	n/a	$500

Source: NYSERDA, Green Jobs Green New York Energy Studies (as of 12/10/2025)

- **Key Contact:**
    - info@NYEnergyStudy.com

NYSERDA Flexible Technical Assistance (FlexTech) Program

- NYSERDA's FlexTech program provides funding assistance to support a variety of technical services.
- **Eligibility:**
  - Applicant must pay into the System Benefits Charge (SBC)
    - Not required for P-12 Priority Districts *(you can find a list of P-12 Priority Districts on the FlexTech Documents and Resources page)*
    - Some funding for affordable multifamily properties that do not pay into the SBC
  - Better fit for buildings over 50,000 square feet
  - **Eligible Services:**
    - Carbon mitigation studies
    - Clean heating and cooling
    - Energy feasibility studies and audits (including ASHRAE Level I, II, and III)
    - Energy master planning
    - Retro commissioning
- **Cost Share:**
  - 50% - 100% NYSERDA-funded cost share
    - Certain measures (and higher-cost projects) may have specific funding caps. For more details, download the "Eligible Cost-shared Services" info sheet from the FlexTech Documents and Resources page.
    - Depending on the building type and location, certain properties could be eligible for a higher NYSERDA-funded cost share. *If you need assistance with determining your organization's eligible cost share, contact flextech@nyserda.ny.gov .*
      - For example, certain schools (public and non-public) located in a Disadvantaged Community (link to map) could be eligible for a FlexTech study *at no cost to them*.
- **Program Guidelines:**
  - Identify a preferred solution provider OR choose one from NYSERDA's FlexTech Consultants list (includes filters for location, sector, and project type.)
  - After a solution provider has been chosen, they will work with the applicant to submit a Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget to NYSERDA.
    - Template documents can be found at https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/flextech-documents
  - Visit the FlexTech website and the FlexTech Documents and Resources page for further guidance on how to submit an application.
- **Key Contact:**
  - flextech@nyserda.ny.gov

Energy Efficiency (Building Envelope, Appliances, HVAC Upgrades) - Incentive and Rebate Programs

NYS Utility Programs

The major NYS utilities provide incentives for energy efficiency upgrades in buildings owned (or occupied) by nonprofits, small businesses, and large-scale properties. To qualify, make sure your utility bill specifies that you pay into a non-residential (commercial) rate for gas and/or electricity – which you can normally find out by looking at your utility bill. If you're unsure, reach out to your utility provider to confirm your eligibility for these programs – contact information for each utility is provided in the descriptions below (if publicly-available.)

Important Policy Update: In 2025, New York State's Public Service Commission (PSC) – which regulates the major NYS utilities – released directives that will change some of the eligible technologies and incentive structures for these programs. *We have tried to highlight these changes where possible, though in many cases, the final versions of these programs are still under development*. Sustainable Westchester encourages building owners to contact their utility provider directly to get a more thorough understanding of their program offerings and stay up-to-date on changes starting in 2026 and beyond.

Central Hudson

Programs for commercial and other non-residential customers: Business Incentives

- **Eligible Technologies in 2026:**
  - Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Upgrades:
    - Building envelope improvements
    - Energy management systems
    - HVAC efficiency upgrades for hard-to-electrify buildings
  - Custom and Prescriptive Incentives for:
    - Process efficiency (heat recovery, controls, exhaust air filtration)
    - Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERVs)
    - Refrigeration system upgrades
    - Cooling (rooftop units and chillers)
    - Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) fans and pumps
    - Compressed air efficiency
- **Contractor Eligibility**
  - Must work with a participating contractor or have your contractor apply to become a participating contractor.
  - Find a contractor through Central Hudson's Trade Allies list.
- **Key Contacts:** Commercial Energy Efficiency Programs → CHGEprograms@icf.com

Consolidated Edison (ConEd)

Savings for Small Businesses & Nonprofits – includes program information and *list of participating contractors*

- **Eligible Technologies in 2026:** fact sheet available on ConEd's website
  - Refrigeration
  - Energy management systems (EMS) and building controls
  - Building envelope upgrades
  - Building electrification and HVAC incentives
  - Motors and drives
  - Domestic hot water incentives
  - Additional incentives available for small businesses and nonprofits in Southeast Queens – including for LED lighting
  - Incentives for custom energy efficiency projects
- **Contractor Eligibility**
  - Must work with a participating contractor or have your contractor apply to become a participating contractor.
  - Find a participating solution provider by clicking the "Find a Contractor" button on the main page linked here.
- **Key Contacts:**
  - ConEd Small Biz and Nonprofits team: smallbiz@coned.com
  - Wildan Energy Solutions (program implementation partner): coned-SmallBiz@wildan.com

Buildings with larger utility loads may be eligible for rebates through ConEd's Commercial and Industrial program.

National Fuel (Western New York)

Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

- Two savings pathways: additional details and rebate applications can be found by clicking the hyperlinks below.
  - Fixed (pre-qualified) rebate — Available on pre-qualified equipment
  - Customized (performance-based) rebate — Determined on a case-by-case basis. The rebate amount is based on the annual energy savings achieved as a result of the project.
    - Will be required to provide a description of project scope, including but not limited to: baseline equipment and efficiencies; operating schedules; proposed equipment and efficiencies
- **Eligible Technologies in 2026:**
  - Building envelope upgrades
  - Equipment controls

    - Energy and heat recovery ventilators
    - Radiant piping and duct insulation
- **Contractor Eligibility**
    - There are no stated requirements on having to use a participating contractor in order to access these rebates. Sustainable Westchester recommends that you reach out to National Fuel to confirm your project's eligibility for rebates.
    - Additional guidance can be found below:
        - *"For both pre-qualified and performance-based applications, all appliances must be installed by a contractor. Non-residential customers applying for a rebate AND the contractor who performed the installation must be able to supply one of the following: Federal ID number, a Certificate of Insurance or a Business Certificate showing their company's name and address in order for the rebate application to be considered complete."*
- **Key Contact:** NFRebateHelp@cjbrownenergy.com

National Grid

Browse all rebate opportunities here: Services & Rebates Search Tool

- Total Building Comfort: support for weatherizing your building
    - **Potential Eligible Technologies in 2026:**
        - Air curtains
        - Insulation
        - Window replacement
        - Window insert
        - Door replacement
        - Pipe insulation
        - Air sealing
        - Radiator radiant barrier
    - **Key Contact:** efficiency@nationalgrid.com
- **Upstate NY customers:**
    - **Energy Savings Programs for Businesses**
        - Nonprofits will qualify for the small or large business offerings depending on what utility rate they're on.
    - **Small Business Program:**
        - Can include a *no-cost assessment* of your facility's electrical equipment: schedule online (as of 2025)
    - **Large Business Program**
    - **Key Contact:** ngridsavings@trccompanies.com
- **NYC customers:**
    - Contact form for Small Business Program support

- **Contractor Eligibility:**
    - According to National Grid: “In most cases, energy-efficiency upgrade projects can be performed by your own contractor.”
    - Find partner contractors through National Grid’s New York Energy Professionals Network (ProNet)
        - Search tool: Find a ProNet Partner
- **General Contact:** energysavings@nationalgrid.com

New York State Gas and Electric (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E)

Small Business Program: NYSEG and RG&E

- Incentives can cover up to 60% of eligible project costs
- Properties can receive a free facility walkthrough to identify upgrade opportunities
- **Eligible Technologies in 2026:**
    - HVAC and refrigeration upgrades
    - Process equipment improvements (e.g., VSD air compressors, exhaust filtration, compressed air heat recovery and flow controls),
    - Building controls – including energy management systems
    - Weatherization Measures
    - Agricultural improvements (e.g., high speed barn farms, refrigeration heat recovery)
    - *Technologies not included in this list may be eligible for incentives through each utility’s **custom energy efficiency project** offerings OR through the **Commercial & Industrial** programs*
        - Commercial & Industrial programs: Quick Links
            - NYSEG and RG&E webpages
            - Program Overview Page
- Bonus incentives for Small Businesses in a NYS-designated Disadvantaged Community or for those that “bundle” multiple types of upgrades
- **Customer Eligibility:** for customers with *no more than 110 kW of monthly average peak demand* AND/OR *one of the following* Service Class designations (information can be found on the utility bill, or by contacting the program administrators)
    - Rochester Gas & Electric: Service Class 1, 2, or 4
    - New York State Electric & Gas: Service Class 1, 6, 8, 9, or 12
- **Contractor Eligibility:**
    - You can either work with your own contractor or find a registered trade ally through NYSEG’s search tool.
    - Find a participating contractor: Find a Contractor / Trade Ally - Search Tool
- **Key Contact:** cienergysavings@franklinenergy.com

Orange and Rockland (O&R)

Savings for Business Customers

- Custom Rebate Program
  - Email ORUCustomRebate@oru.com
- **Contractor Eligibility:**
  - There are no stated requirements on having to use a participating contractor in order to access these rebates. Sustainable Westchester recommends that you reach out to O&R to confirm your project's eligibility for rebates.
  - Find a participating contractor: Participating Electric Contractors
- **Key Contact:** orucustomerservice@oru.com
  - Patricia Moss – Energy Efficiency Program Administrator mossp@oru.com

PSEG Long Island

Business and Commercial Savings

- PSEG business and commercial customers are eligible to request a free on-site energy assessment
- **Eligible Technologies:**
  - **Browse Commercial Rebates:** full list of incentives and rebate applications
  - Weatherization (duct and air sealing, insulation, pipe insulation)
  - Variable frequency drives (VFDs) and motors
  - Refrigeration
- **Contractor Eligibility:**
  - There are no stated requirements on having to use a participating contractor in order to access these rebates. Sustainable Westchester recommends that you reach out to PSEG Long Island to confirm your project's eligibility for rebates.
  - Find a participating contractor: Find a Contractor
- **Key Contact:** cepli@pseg.com

Utility Bill Savings & Energy Management Programs

Demand Response Programs

Demand Response *programs provide opportunities for small businesses, nonprofits, and commercial (multifamily, industrial, office spaces, schools, etc) to earn cash rewards for reducing electric usage on "peak demand days," typically during the summer when electricity usage is high. Demand response programs are run by the major utility companies in New York State.*

- **Central Hudson**: Commercial & Industrial Demand Response
- **ConEd**: Smart Usage Rewards
    - *Recommended Smart Usage Partners:*
        - GridRewards: best for smaller buildings. Free app on iOS and Android. Contact gridrewards@sustainablewestchester.org for sign-up assistance.
        - SmartKit AI: best for buildings that exceed 10 kW of electricity demand. Contact demandresponse@sustainablewestchester.org to get started.
- **Orange & Rockland (O&R)**: Smart Usage Rewards
    - *Recommended Smart Usage Partners:*
        - GridRewards: best for smaller buildings. Free app on iOS and Android. Contact gridrewards@sustainablewestchester.org for sign-up assistance.
        - SmartKit AI: best for buildings that exceed 10 kW of electricity demand. Contact demandresponse@sustainablewestchester.org to get started.
- **National Grid:** only for large commercial customers
    - Electric Demand Response Programs
    - Gas Demand Response Program
- **PSEG Long Island**: System Relief Program
- **Note for NYSEG / RG&E customers:** There is currently *no* demand response offering for smaller nonprofit buildings. The current offering is for commercial and industrial building types only.
    - RG&E Commercial & Industrial Demand Response
    - NYSEG Commercial & Industrial Demand Response

Community Solar

Community solar *is a great opportunity for building owners and tenants to access the benefits of solar energy if they are unable to install solar panels on their property. By subscribing to a community solar project, your building can receive credits for a share of clean electricity produced by an offsite solar array. These credits come in the form of monthly discounts on your electric bill, all while supporting renewable energy generation.*

- You can find more information by visiting NYSERDA's Community Solar website.

- Some organizations may be able to assist with identifying a community solar project.
    - Sustainable Westchester frequently manages community solar subscription opportunities for residential and small business customers. Visit our website to learn more, including information on open subscription opportunities and how to sign up for a project.
    - Your NYSERDA Clean Energy Hub may be able to help you identify Community Solar projects – find your Clean Energy Hub by visiting the NYSERDA website.

On-Site Energy Manager (OsEM)

- NYSERDA program that offers a cost-share for industrial, commercial, and multifamily facilities or buildings to hire a dedicated full-time or part time on-site energy manager.
- The energy manager can be a permanent hire or a contractor. The provider could be selected from NYSERDA's Flexible Technical Assistance (FlexTech) Consultants list, or an independent service provider.
- OsEM Success Stories: case studies from buildings that have utilized the program.

Heat Pump Incentive and Rebate Programs

NYS Utility Programs

Incentives may vary based on the size of your building, savings potential, and the energy demand required by your new system. To determine what rebates you'd be eligible for, reach out to your utility provider – contact information for each utility is provided in the descriptions below (if publicly-available.)

Central Hudson

- Heat pumps: air source, ground source heat pumps and heat pump water heaters

Consolidated Edison (ConEd)

- Small Business & Nonprofit Heat Pump Information
    - **Key Contact:**
        - smallbiz@coned.com
- Buildings with larger utility loads may be eligible for rebates through ConEd's Commercial and Industrial heat pump incentive program.

National Grid

- **Upstate NY only:** heat pump incentives are distributed through National Grid's primary program offerings →
    - **Small Business Program**
    - **Large Business Program**
- **Key Contact:** energysavings@nationalgrid.com

New York State Gas and Electric (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E)

- **NYSEG: http://nyseg.com/electrify**
- **RG&E: https://www.rge.com/electrify**
- **Key Contact:** nyseg_rge_be@icf.com

Orange and Rockland (O&R)

- Heat Pump Incentives – for air source, ground source, and water heater heat pumps

PSEG Long Island - Commercial Rebates

Incentives distributed through its Commercial Rebate offerings: see details under the “Custom Energy Savings Projects” and ”Performance HVAC Application” drop downs

- **Eligible Technologies:**
  - Custom Energy Savings Projects:
    - Geothermal Energy
    - Whole Building Heat Pumps
    - Chiller Replacement
    - Chiller Plant Optimization
    - Building Management System (BMS) Upgrade
    - Roof top Units Above 63 Tons
    - Other (*considered on a case-by-case basis*)
  - Performance HVAC:
    - Heat pumps:
      - Package Terminal Heat Pumps
      - Centralized ASHP
      - Minisplit ASHP
      - Large Unitary ASHP (>5 Ton)
      - Single Package Vertical Heat Pumps
    - Ventilation
      - Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV)
      - Heat Recovery Ventilator
      - High Volume Low Speed (HVLS)

Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

This is a recurring funding opportunity (meaning that there are multiple rounds of funding that open for a few months at a time.) *Funding from the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) is released on an annual basis – typically opening in May, with applications due in July and awards announced in late Fall / early Winter. Funding opportunities are available across various state agencies and generally only see minor changes from year-to-year.*

Information on the Consolidated Funding Application: https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/cfa

- Explore projects that were previously awarded funding through REDC: https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/cfa/projects
    - Use the filters on the left side of the page to select projects from specific agencies, regions, and/or funding rounds.

Key CFA opportunities for decarbonization projects:

All funding opportunities listed below were available in the 2024, 2025, and 2026 CFA funding rounds.

Empire State Development

Regional Council Capital Funds

- Link to program information
- Focused on economic development to expand, construct, restore, or renovate NYS tourism destinations and attractions
- Eligible Applicants include (but are not limited to):
    - Not-for-profit corporations
    - Business improvement districts (BID)
    - Economic development organizations
    - Research and academic institutions
    - Regional planning councils
    - Tourist attractions
    - Community facilities
- Funding Available: Minimum request/award of $100,000 per funded project
- Eligible Activities:
    - Acquisition of land, buildings, machinery and/or equipment;
    - Demolition and environmental remediation;
    - New construction, renovation or leasehold improvements;
    - Acquisition of furniture and fixtures;

- Commercial portion of mixed use projects;
- Soft costs of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of total project costs; and
- Other costs / expenditures deemed eligible by ESD.

Strategic Planning & Feasibility Studies

- Link to program information
- Aims to support planning grants for future development for communities, urban areas across new york state
- Funding Available: Up to $100,000 per funded project
  - Strategic development plans for municipality or county (or significant part)
  - Feasibility studies for site(s) for facility(ies) assessment and planning
  - Focus on communicating economic development benefits, impacts as a result of the project
  - 50% cost share required in matching funds, 10% should be contributed in cash equity by Applicant organization
- Pro Housing Communities and Highly Distressed Areas will be prioritized
- Eligible Applicants include:
  - Cities
  - Counties
  - Towns
  - Villages
  - Business Improvement Districts
  - Local Development Corporations
  - Not-for-profit Economic Development Organizations
- Ineligible Activities / Costs:
  - Medical/hospital development projects
  - Retail only
  - Buildings intended for municipal use only
  - Residential development

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program

- Facilitated by NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: link to program information
- Provides funding for the acquisition, planning, development, and improvement of parks, history properties, and heritage areas in New York State
- Eligible Applicants include (but are not limited to):
  - Municipalities
  - State agencies
  - Public benefit corporations

    - Public authorities
    - Non-profit corporations
- Eligible Activities
    - Can be used towards the preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of projects on State or National Register of Historic Places
        - Structural assessments, and/or planning
        - Cannot be used for contemporary additions unless work will provide universal access and/or eliminate code deficiencies
    - *Allowable costs*
        - Up to 15% for pre-development
            - Design and professional fees, archaeology
        - Construction
            - For permanent capital improvements - can include labor, materials, other necessary costs
- Ineligible Activities / Costs:
    - Solar panels
    - EV chargers
- Available Funding: up to 50% cost share (or 75% if in a high-poverty area)
- Priorities include those that "advance and/or complement transformational projects across the State to **enhance sustainability and resilience, especially in underserved communities, to address and prepare for the impacts of climate change**. Priority projects would enhance recreation while: fostering stewardship, preserving open space, restoring natural communities, implementing climate resilient infrastructure, and reducing flood risk."

NYSERDA

Building Cleaner Communities Competition

- Link to program information
- For new construction and gut rehabs: provides funding towards net-zero and carbon-neutral buildings
- Eligible Applicants:
    - Light industrial and manufacturing
    - Offices
    - Warehouses, distribution centers
    - Restaurants, breweries, vineyards, distilleries
    - Retail
    - Food processing facilities
    - Colleges and universities
    - Healthcare facilities
    - Agricultural facilities
    - Municipal and government facilities
    - K-12 schools
    - Non-profit organizations
    - Hotel Developments
    - Mixed-use facilities
    - Existing central plant

- Ineligible Applicants:
    - Applicants previously award funding with same scope of work under previous rounds of BCCC
    - Applicants intending to seek – or have been awarded Clean Energy Initiative (from NYS HCR), Future Housing Initiative (from NYC HPD), or other NYSERDA Clean Energy Fund resources
    - Heavy industrial facilities
    - Projects that include hydro-electric power generation
    - Sole residential development
    - Transportation or infrastructure

Sector-Specific Funding Opportunities

Arts-Based Organizations

NYSCA Capital Improvement Grants

This is a recurring funding opportunity (meaning that there are multiple cycles of funding that open for a few months at a time.)

- Funding for capital improvements is now available for FY2026: https://arts.ny.gov/FY2026OpportunityGuidelines
- Deadline to submit is **January 13th, 2026 at 5pm**
    - Office Hours: https://arts.ny.gov/FY2026WebinarsOfficeHours
- Applicants must be prequalified through the NY Statewide Financial System (get started now!)
    - https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/get-prequalified
    - Questions can be sent to prequal@arts.ny.gov
- Grant Categories:
    - Small and Midsized Capital Grants
        - $10,000 - $2 million
        - Up to 50% NYS cost match
            - **No match** grants up to $99,000 available for organizations with budgets < $2 million
    - Large Capital Grants
        - $2 million - $10 million
        - Up to 50% NYS cost match
        - Should demonstrate economic benefit (*contact NYSCA staff to discuss before applying*)
    - Capital Design Grants
        - $10,000 - $500,000
        - Funding for mid- and advanced-stage design: must have a conceptual design in hand
        - Up to 50% NYS cost match
            - No-match grants available for organizations with budgets < $2 million

Houses of Worship

National Fund for Sacred Places

The National Fund for Sacred Places provides financial and technical support for community-serving historic houses of worship across America.

Eligibility Guidelines: full list linked here

- Property must have been originally built to be a house of worship, and must be owned by an active community of faith.
- Applicant must be a religious congregation or closely affiliated nonprofit organization.
- Property must possess historical, cultural, or architectural significance.
- Requires a 1:1 cash match – one quarter of required matching funds must be raised or pledged before any portion of the grant can be disbursed.

Apply here: https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/apply/

- Application window opens on an annual basis

Historic Landmarks

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

- List of opportunities from NYS SHPO: https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/preservation-assistance/

Multifamily Buildings

Affordable Multifamily Energy Efficiency Program (AMEEP)

- Link to program information
- Incentives for energy efficient equipment and technology for affordable multifamily building (5 or more units).
- These programs are managed by the major NYS utilities – each page can be found on the NYSERDA AMEEP website.
    - Consolidated Edison AMEEP program
    - National Grid - Long Island
    - National Grid - NYC

Affordable Multifamily Program - Upstate

- Upstate NY utilities (Central Hudson, National Grid Upstate, NYSEG, O&R) can receive funding and incentives through the **Affordable Multifamily Program - Upstate ("AMP UP").**
- NYSERDA Affordable Multifamily Website: for program details and application guidance
- Key Contact: multifamilyprogram@nyserda.ny.gov

Small Affordable Multifamily Energy Studies Offering (SAMES)

- Provides fully-funded energy studies for small affordable multifamily buildings (under 50,000 sq ft, with 5+ units)
- Link to program information

Owner's Representative Services for Multifamily Buildings

- Link to program information
- Provides multifamily property owners with funding to contract a *qualified group of technical experts* to act on their behalf as they plan, design, and install energy efficiency upgrades.
- Up to $35,000 in funding per project
- Eligible properties must meet one of the requirements listed below:
    - Located in a disadvantaged community
    - Meets NYSERDA's Multifamily Affordable Multifamily Buildings Verification Guidelines [PDF]
    - Structured as condominium or co-op building ownership
    - Contains 50 dwelling units and under

Green Small Buildings Program

- Link to program information
- Provides funding to support installation of heat pumps for space heating and domestic hot water
    - If funding remains, can support direct enabling upgrades and the installation of on-site solar panels
- Up to $25,000 per eligible housing unit (maximum award of $750,000 for any single applicant/administrator)
    - OR up to $7,500 per unit for new construction projects
- Eligibility guidelines: full details available here
    - Must submit a screening checklist as part of the application
    - Existing primary heating source for space heating and domestic hot water must be fossil fuel, fuel oil, or electric resistance baseboard
        - Priority given to homes utilizing propane, delivered fuel, electric resistance, or baseboard electric heating systems
    - Project must include complete removal or decommissioning of existing systems
    - Heating system conversion must not increase overall operating costs for the home or unit
    - If tenants are not currently paying for heating, heating cost responsibility cannot be shifted to tenants as a result of the conversion
    - Work must be completed by a NYS Clean Heat Participating Contractor

Utility Incentives for Multifamily Projects

Please note: if your utility is not listed, it does not necessarily mean that they do not offer incentives for multifamily buildings. It may mean that the utility 1. Does not currently have a website dedicated to multifamily offerings, **and/or** 2. Organizes its incentives for multifamily buildings under other programs. See our "Energy Efficiency - NYS Utility Programs" section for information on programs that cover a broad range of building types.

- ConEd: Savings for Multifamily Building Managers
- National Grid NYC: Multifamily Program
- National Grid Upstate: Multifamily Energy Efficiency and Electrification Program
- NYSEG: Multifamily Energy Efficiency Program
- *Orange & Rockland and Central Hudson's multifamily rebates for energy efficiency projects are housed within its Commercial & Industrial / Non-residential programs: click here to jump to bookmark

Room Heat Pump Program

- Link to program information
- Pilot / demonstration project from NYSERDA aiming to mobilize "plug-and-play" heating and cooling solutions that do not require electrical service or building electrical infrastructure upgrades
    - **Window heat pumps:** replaces traditional window air conditioners (goes from cooling-only → year-round cooling and heating)
    - **Through-wall heat pumps:** designed for buildings with through-wall sleeves

Vacant Rentals Program

- Link to program information from Homes and Community Renewal
- Funding to support repairs and rehabilitation of vacant rental units and other vacant spaces to increase the supply of critically needed apartments for low- and moderate-income renters outside of New York City.

Education

NYSERDA P-12 Schools Initiative

- NYSERDA's P-12 Schools Initiative highlights funding opportunities and resources for New York State schools that are interested in decarbonizing their facilities. Some of the programs listed have been highlighted in other parts of this document, but some key details to be aware:
    - For the Flexible Technical Assistance (FlexTech) program, there is a list of priority districts that are eligible for a **100% NYS-funded cost share** on a feasibility study: visit the FlexTech Documents and Resources page and scroll to "P-12 Schools Eligibility List" for more details.
    - P-12 Priority Districts are not required to pay into the electric *System Benefits Charge (SBC)* to benefit from the 100% cost share.
- Email P12Schools@nyserda.ny.gov with any questions regarding the projects or NYSERDA funding opportunities for the P-12 sector.

Funding Databases & Recurring Grant Opportunities

Sources for finding competitive grants, loans, and competitions. Some of these resources may include outdated information – make sure to double check that the listed funding resources are still active.

Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency (DSIRE)

Link: Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency

- New York State programs
- Includes state, federal and other tax credits, rebate programs, and financing opportunities
- **Important to note:**
    - Many of the funding opportunities listed will already be covered in this document (in particular, NYSERDA and utility programs.)
    - Make sure to double check that the funding resources are still active.

National Association of State Energy Officials

Link: State Energy Financing Programs

- **Programs included in database (as of December 2025) *that are also explained in this document*:** Green Jobs Green New York financing (including On-Bill Financing), NY Green Bank, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing

Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN) Cleantech Funding Database

Link: Cleantech Funding Database

- Provides information on funding resources for cleantech projects.
- Can filter opportunities by technology, funding resource type, and technology stage.
- **Important to note:**
    - This database likely won't apply to a majority of nonprofit projects, unless your project is piloting early-stage clean energy technologies.
    - Make sure to double check that the funding resources are still active.

NYSERDA Open Funding Opportunities

Link: New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Current Funding Opportunities

- Provides an overview of active Program Opportunity Notices (PONs), Requests for Qualifications (RFQLs), Requests for Information (RFIs), and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to support decarbonization projects and solicit participation in NYSERDA programs.

Foundations: The Grantmanship Center

Listed below in the links are lists of corporations and community foundations that have either direct giving programs, foundations, sponsorship programs, in-kind donations, product donations, volunteer programs, or matching gift programs in NY:

- https://www.tgci.com/funding-sources/ny/corporate
- https://www.tgci.com/funding-sources/ny/community

Park Foundation: Building Decarbonization Fund

Building Decarbonization Fund: provides grants and low-interest loans for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resilience in Tompkins County non-profit buildings.

- **Please note that this funding opportunity is currently closed** after two rounds of pilot funding in early 2025. *Stay tuned for updates!*
- **Key Contacts:**
    - Nick Goldsmith, Program Officer, Sustainable Ithaca ng@parkfoundation.org

Federal Clean Energy Tax Credits:

Important Disclaimer: Please note that we are not tax professionals. As such, this does not constitute professional tax advice or other professional financial guidance and may be subject to change. It should not be used as the only source of information when making purchasing decisions, investment decisions, tax decisions, or when executing other binding agreements. Please consult a tax professional or your accountant for questions about how to take advantage of these tax credits.

Inflation Reduction Act: Federal Tax Credit Resources

179D: Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings Tax Deduction

How it Works

- Two pathways:
  - **Energy Efficient Commercial Building Property** – modelled pathway for deduction, applicable to new construction and retrofits
  - **Energy Efficient Building Retrofit Property (EEBRP)** – measured pathway for deduction, building must have been in service for ≥5 years
- Must achieve at least 25% savings from baseline
- Bonuses for prevailing wage and apprenticeship
- **H.R.1 / One Big Beautiful Bill Act Update: must begin construction by 6/30/2026**

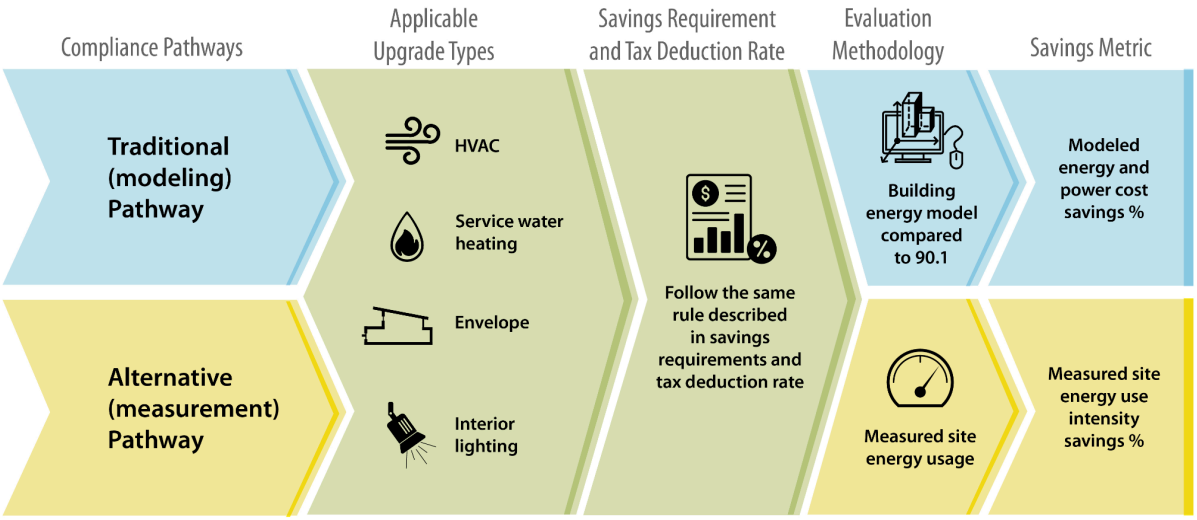

Image Source: Source: Department of Energy, 179D - as of 12/10/25 (link)

Section 48: Investment Tax Credit for Renewable Energy Projects

How it Works

- 6% base credit for cost of the Energy Property - "Base Rate"
- Can receive "Bonus Credit" for projects that meet prevailing wage & apprentice requirements.
- Applies to a range of "energy properties", including geothermal heat pumps – per Section 48(a)(3)(A)(vii) of the revenue code.

Elective Pay

- Elective Pay can allow cash payments in place of tax credits for tax-exempt entities – including nonprofits and municipalities.
- **Resources for Elective Pay:**
    - Lawyers for Good Government
        - Elective Pay & IRA Tax Incentives Resources Page: includes guidance on filing and key updates related to Elective Pay and IRA Tax Incentives.
            - Elective Pay Fact Sheet - July 2025: updates to certain elective pay eligible credits under H.R.1
        - Clean Energy Tax Navigator: walks through the process of determining eligibility for Direct Pay, offering technical assistance, and in certain cases, direct pro bono services.

2025 Tax Credit Updates & Resources

Clean Energy Business Network

- Tax Package Resource Center: provides a summary of major updates related to federal clean energy tax credits passed under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Lawyers for Good Government

- Elective Pay & IRA Tax Incentives Resources Page
- Email list for updates about federal funding and IRA tax credits: sign up here.

Financial Consultants with Clean Energy Tax Credit and Financing Experience

Important Disclaimer: Sustainable Westchester has not formally endorsed these providers. They have been identified as consultants capable of assisting with Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) tax credits and providing financial guidance. Sustainable Westchester's Building Decarbonization team are not tax professionals – as such, non-profit organizations are advised to exercise due diligence when considering engagement with any of these firms.

Baker Tilly

- Assistance with navigating the Inflation Reduction Act Tax Credits
- Baker Tilly has consultants to help navigate section 48C and help your application within the competitive windows.
- Contact

Energy Tax Savers Inc.

https://www.energytaxsavers.com/

- EPACT 179D Experts (IRS energy efficient commercial buildings deduction info, Internal Revenue Code Section 179D)
    - "The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) was enacted creating immediate potential tax savings for building owners or architects and engineers based on the use of energy efficient improvements. Section 179D outlines the requirements for a maximum potential tax deduction between $2.50 and $5.00 per square foot of affected spaces."
- They apply the tax law to make building energy equipment investments more profitable, helping their clients receive the federal tax incentives for energy efficiency
- Contact information linked here

Thinkforward Financial Group, LLC - (MBE)

https://www.thinkforwardfinancial.com/

- ThinkForward is a NYS/NYC certified MBE, as well as a SEC-registered, independent municipal financial advisory firm
- Assistance for: project funding, financial advice, green financing
- Experienced with financing nonprofit projects

TaxTaker

https://www.taxtaker.com/

- Expertise on getting money through tax incentives for building owners and contractors:
    - Inflation Reduction Act
    - 179D - Energy efficient commercial buildings deduction

    - 48 - Investment Tax credit
- *"Working with TaxTaker is risk free. TaxTaker collects a success fee only if you qualify for a tax credit. We also offer flexible payment options so you can choose to pay over 6 or 12 months."*
- **Contact Information:**

  Abby Massey, PE, LEED AP
  VP of Energy Incentives, TaxTaker
  713-703-8250
  abby@taxtaker.com
  taxtaker.com

Financing & Loan Options

Important Disclaimer: Sustainable Westchester does not endorse any specific program or financing option. We encourage you to explore all available options to determine the best fit for your project and financial needs.

NYSERDA: Small Business Financing Program

- NYSERDA's Small Business Financing Program offers small businesses, including multifamily building owners, and not-for-profit organizations, an On-Bill Recovery Loan option to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. This financing opportunity provides access to upfront capital for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades that improve energy efficiency and lower energy bills.
- For more information, please reach out to gjgnysbnfp@nyserda.ny.gov
- On-Bill Recovery Loan option: eligible customers can use this to finance the cost of recommended energy efficiency improvements to their facilities. Customers repay their On-Bill Recovery loan through a charge on their electric and/or gas utility bill.
    - Not-for-profit organizations are eligible if they:
        - 1) own their building OR
        - 2) lease or manage all or part of the building and have a release from the building owner to apply for financing through the program.
        - In addition, the applicant or co-applicant must have a Qualified Energy Assessment from NYSERDA, a utility, or a Qualified Energy Consultant and must be named on the utility account of one of the participating utilities. The borrower must also meet NYSERDA's loan underwriting standards.
    - Participating Utilities:
        - Central Hudson
        - Con Edison
        - Long Island Power Authority
        - National Grid (upstate NY customers only)
        - New York State Electric and Gas Corporation
        - Orange & Rockland
        - Rochester Gas and Electric
    - **The maximum loan amount for the program is $50,000** and terms cannot exceed 10 years. Loans are priced at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate of Interest + 2%, fixed at closing, subject to change (currently 9.5%). Projects being financed through the program must meet the following cost effectiveness and savings requirements:
        - the 1/12th rule, which states that the estimated monthly dollar savings to be generated by the project must be greater than or equal to the monthly loan installment charge.

- the Simple Payback Period requirement, which states that the estimated dollar savings to be generated by the project must be able to repay the upfront costs of implementing the project within 10 years or less.

NY Green Bank

- NY Green Bank provides financing to clean energy and sustainable infrastructure projects that reduce New York State's greenhouse gas emissions.
- Link to open opportunities: https://greenbank.ny.gov/Investment-Opportunities/Open-Solicitations

Community Decarbonization Fund (CDF)

Available through NY Green Bank: $250 million fund catalyzing green lending capacity of mission-driven investors to finance greenhouse gas-reducing projects that benefit historically **disadvantaged communities (DACs)** across New York State.

Eligibility Guidelines & Resources:

- Minimum loan amount: $2 million.
- Maximum loan amount: $25 million or 20% of an eligible applicant's total capitalization.
- FAQs can be found in on the CDF information page
- Eligible Applicants must be a certified CDFI, specialty lender, or for-profit subsidiary of any of the previous categories.
- **Project should provide benefits to a NYS Disadvantaged Community (DAC) by:**
    - Being located in a DAC census tract;
    - Not located in a DAC census tract BUT:
        - i. Project involves a residential building where at least 50% of the housing units are restricted upon initial occupancy to households making 80% AMI or less via a regulatory agreement with a public agency; OR
        - ii. Project involves a building that has a demonstrable impact on households making 80% AMI or less or a vulnerable population (e.g., a facility that predominantly serves such households such as a Federally Qualified Health Center or a multi-service center operated by a non-profit organization).
- Capital is available from 2023-2027 on a rolling basis.
- Additional questions should be directed to investmentrfps@greenbank.ny.gov
- List of projects financed by CDF borrowers: https://greenbank.ny.gov/Our-Impact/Community-Decarbonization-Fund/Projects

Interested in contacting any of the approved CDF borrowers? Reach out to the contacts below:

- **Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF)** – Molly Anderson, Deputy Director, Northeast Region manderson@liifund.org; Sebastian Giraldo, Deputy Director of Treasury sgiraldo@liifund.org
- **TruFund -** Desiree Thomas, VP/Director of Community Climate Finance, dthomas@trufund.org

- **ECLF -** Megan Marsick, Director, Investment, mmarsick@enterprisecommunity.org, and Sivan Bruce, Senior Loan Officer, sbruce@enterprisecommunity.org
- **CPC -** Fergus O'Connell, Vice President, Director of Capital Strategies, foconnell@communityp.com
- **Carver -** Reuben Miller, VP and Commercial Lender, reuben.miller@carverbank.com
- **Leviticus -** Alex Canzone, Investment Officer, acanzone@leviticusfund.org
- **Community Development Long Island -** Gwen O'Shea, CDLI President & CEO, goshea@cdcli.org
- **Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF)** – Erangi Dias, Senior Director of Financing, EDias@nff.org

EIC Open C-PACE Financing

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing provides long-term alternative financing to fund clean energy projects in large, commercially-owned buildings. Financing is available for up to 100% of project costs, and the Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC) does all the work to administer PACE financing on behalf of its member municipalities.

Eligibility:

- For Westchester County projects, those interested in leveraging Open C-PACE financing must ensure that their municipality participates in the program: https://www.eicpace.org/whereisopencpace
- Must conduct an energy audit that meets the requirements for the C-PACE program.
    - ASHRAE Level 2 or 3 energy audits are considered eligible, as well as certain energy modelling & audit software.
- Existing buildings, new construction, and gut renovation projects are eligible.

Amount of Available Funding:

- The minimum amount is $2 million. The average C-PACE transaction in New York state is $10 million, though larger loans are available. ***As such, this is primarily recommended for larger-scale decarbonization projects.***

Key Contact:

Susan Morth, CEO
smorth@eicpace.org
(914) 302-7300 Ext. 8114

NYC PACE Financing

- NYC Accelerator Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is "an innovative financing tool that helps commercial and multifamily building owners fund energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. It offers long-term, fixed-rate financing, covering up to 100% of project costs with no cash up-front from the owner."
- List of NYC PACE lenders and minimum loan amount: https://accelerator.nyc/resources/finance/PACE/lenders

Inclusive Prosperity Capital

- Inclusive Prosperity Capital, Inc. (IPC) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation and an equal opportunity provider.
- Clean Energy Solutions for Property Developers & Building Owners
- Energy Financing for Nonprofits
    - Project types include the following:
        - Catalyst Construction & Term Loan: Catalyst Loans provide financing for energy, resiliency, and health & safety upgrades in nonprofit-owned buildings, enabling you to lower operating costs while improving efficiency and cash flows.
        - Navigator Pre-Development Loans: funding for the planning and design stages of a clean energy project.
        - Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) & Solar Lease: for installation of solar without committing to upfront costs
        - Community Solar: financing for on-site solar that would provide access to bill credits for low-to-moderate income subscribers and underserved organizations

Key Contacts:

- Email: info@inclusiveteam.org
- Phone: 203-433-5060

NYCEEC

NYCEEC provides loans for energy efficiency, renewables, high-performance buildings, Passive House, zero net energy, building electrification, demand management, energy storage, resilience measures, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

- Information for Building Owners
- Loan Products
- Current Rates and Terms
- Project Spotlights

Key Contact:

- greenloans@nyceec.com

Local Support and Technical Assistance Opportunities

Regional Clean Energy Hubs

The Regional Clean Energy Hubs program – funded by NYSERDA – helps connect residents, businesses, and communities with opportunities to benefit from the transition to an inclusive clean energy economy.

- Please note that each Hub is made up of different community-based organizations, so technical assistance and support opportunities may vary. The Hubs are able to assist with identifying and navigating funding opportunities for your clean energy project.
- **Find Your Clean Energy Hub:** A list of contact information for each Regional Clean Energy Hub
    - Capital District
    - Central New York
    - Finger Lakes
    - Long Island
        - Non-Profit Resources: https://ccesuffolk.org/clean-energy/not-for-profit-opportunities
    - Mid-Hudson
    - Mohawk Valley
    - New York City:
        - Bronx/Brooklyn
        - Manhattan
        - Queens & Staten Island
    - North Country
    - Southern Tier
    - Western New York

Economic Development Districts

Your local economic development district may be able to assist with identifying grant, funding, and incentive opportunities for energy efficiency and capital improvement projects. *Please note that funding opportunities will vary by region.*

- Capital District Regional Planning Commission
- Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board
- Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
- Hudson Valley Regional Council
- Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board
- Mohawk Valley Economic Development District
- Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board
- Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board

Tips for Funding Your Energy Efficiency Project

Informational Videos

- Funding Strategies for Nonprofits: Making the Case for Energy Investments
- Funding Strategies for Nonprofits and Schools: Incentives and Rebates and How to Find Them

Blog Post

- Renewable Energy Project Financing: A Powerful Catalyst for Nonprofit Funding

Financing Strategies

- **Toolkit:** Financing Your Building Upgrades: Find Ways To Pay for Energy Improvements (NYC)