Illinois Finance Authority

Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Grants



Program Overview

The Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Grant Program, supported by funding from the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, is intended to assist municipal and cooperative utilities in transitioning to cleaner energy sources. The program provides financial support for activities such as technical assessments, procurement planning, and the development of strategies to incorporate renewable energy into utility operations.

Funding & Eligibility

- The program will allocate \$2 million over a five-year period, with the goal supporting between 8-12 municipal or utilities cooperative electric in their energy strategic clean planning, procurement, and implementation efforts.
- \$400,000 in funding is available in 2025, with a maximum award amount of \$200,000
- Funding can be used for projects that demonstrate a clear strategy to:
 - Support clean energy transition planning,
 - Align with statewide CEJA goals, and
 - Facilitate the retirement, replacement, or re-contracting of fossil-fuel based electricity sources.

*For additional specifications and additional eligibility requirements, scan the QR codes below:



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Clean Energy Planning Webpage

Grant Details

Funding

- \$400,000 in available funding
- \$200,000 award ceiling
- Award Type: Competitive

Submission Information

- One time submission
- Open date: 07/16/2025
- Close date: 12/31/2025 at 5 p.m.*

*Applications will remain open until December 31, 2025, or until funds are exhausted.