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The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation invests in clean energy development and land preservation efforts, working with communities and residents to improve environmental quality in Illinois.

*The Foundation funds projects in three core program areas: improving **energy efficiency**, developing **renewable energy** resources, and preserving and enhancing **natural areas** and wildlife habitat throughout Illinois.*

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The Foundation's web site – www.IllinoisCleanEnergy.org – has other useful information for organizations seeking funding, including lists of past grants awarded, more information on the grant application process and announcements about new program initiatives that may be launched during 2010. It also has information on other grants for which local governments may apply, such as funding for energy efficient design of new facilities or for installation of small scale solar or wind power generation systems.



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2010 Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrade Grant Program for Public Safety Buildings



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Is this a new Foundation program?

No. The Foundation first offered this program in 2008 for lighting upgrades in public safety buildings (e.g., fire, emergency response & law enforcement). This is the second program developed by the Foundation with the encouragement and endorsement of the Illinois Municipal League.

Who is eligible to apply for a grant through this program?

Local government agencies including municipalities, villages, townships, fire protection districts & county sheriffs may apply for funding through this program.

What types of buildings are eligible for lighting upgrades?

Stand-alone fire or police stations are the most common example of public safety buildings. Multiple use buildings that provide public safety and other government services (e.g., city halls that house police departments) are eligible so long as public safety related functions comprise a minimum of 40% of total building square footage.

What are the benefits of upgrading to efficient lighting systems?

- Improved lighting quality for public safety employees;
- Reduced operating and maintenance expenses; and
- Save energy, leading to less pollution and carbon emissions in Illinois communities.



What work can be paid for with these grants?

These grants may pay for energy-saving upgrades to the lamps, ballasts and/or controls in existing **indoor** lighting systems.

- **Types of equipment:** A common eligible upgrade is replacement of T12 fluorescent lamps and magnetic ballasts with T8 or T5 lamps and electronic ballasts, as well as retrofitting the lamps in exit lighting with LED arrays. Replacement of incandescent lamps with screw-in compact fluorescent lamps in non-permanent fixtures is not an eligible upgrade.
- **New upgrade projects only:** Lighting upgrade projects may be no further along than the lighting evaluation and design stage. Projects where installation is underway or complete do not qualify for this program. Nor do projects being undertaken as part of new construction or major renovations qualify for the program.

When are grants paid?

After a grant request has been approved by the Foundation and the grantee signs the formal grant agreement accepting the grant, the grantee may proceed with installation of the lighting upgrade. The grant will be paid by the Foundation to the grantee **after the installation is completed** and the work has been formally accepted by the grantee as satisfactory.

How is the size of the grant determined?

Grants are **up to \$500 per kilowatt (kW)** or 50¢ per Watt of reduction in electricity demand that the lighting upgrade, **as installed**, yields. Grants will be limited to:

- No more than \$30,000 for any public safety building;
- No more than \$120,000 for any unit of government.

The exact amount of the grant payment is based on the actual electricity demand reduction achieved through the completed lighting upgrade.

Are grant recipients required to use specific vendors?

No. Grant recipients exercise complete control over the process of selecting any vendors, contractors or consultants involved in the lighting upgrade project.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

How to apply for a grant?

A local unit of government completes and submits an application form along with the supporting documentation listed on that form by **March 24, 2010**. Requests for public safety lighting upgrade grants **must** be submitted on the Foundation's application form and must include all required attachments.

Where can one get an application form or ask questions?

Application forms may be downloaded and printed from the Foundation's website: **www.IllinoisCleanEnergy.org** or the Illinois Municipal League website: **www.iml.org**. You may also request an application form or ask questions by calling the Foundation at (312) 372-5191 or Illinois Municipal League at (217) 525-1220.

What is the deadline to apply?

March 24, 2010. All eligible, complete requests for public safety lighting upgrade grants will be reviewed by the Foundation as a group. To be considered in 2010, complete applications for public safety lighting grant applicants **must** be received by the Foundation **no later than close of business on Wednesday, March 24, 2010**.

Will all grant requests be approved?

No. This is a competitive process and a limited amount of funds are available for this program. The Foundation may receive more public safety building lighting upgrade grant requests than it can accommodate. If that occurs, the Foundation will give preference to cost-effective projects that achieve high levels of permanent electricity demand reduction per dollar granted.