

State Energy Program Grant Applications Frequently Asked Questions

Energy-Efficient Retrofit Grant Applications

Is my project eligible?

For the Energy-Efficient Retrofits of Local Governments, K-12 Schools, and Non-Profit Organizations, eligible measures can be found beginning on page 16 of the SEP Grant Application and Guide. Measures listed specifically are Conventional Lighting, High Bay Lighting, Lighting Controls, HVAC Replacement, Controls, Insulation, and Renewable Energy. If the measure you are proposing to install is not included in those measures, please contact the ADECA Energy Division to see if it is eligible. Window and door replacements are not eligible.*

For the Energy-Efficient Retrofits of Wastewater Treatment Facilities, eligible measures are listed beginning on page 16 of the SEP Grant Application and Guide. Measures listed specifically include supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, energy-efficient motors, energy-efficient pumps, and variable frequency drives (VFDs). If the measure you are proposing to install is not included in those measures, please contact the ADECA Energy Division to see if it is eligible.

I recently installed energy-efficient equipment in my building. Can I request a grant for that?

No. Any work installed before the grant is awarded is not eligible for reimbursement under this grant program.

Do I need to get quotes or complete sealed bids before submitting my application?

No, procurement is not necessary before submitting your application. However, if you receive a quote from a contractor as a basis for your application's project budget, upon award, you will have to go through a competitive procurement process before awarding a contract. That process must follow the State Bid and Public Works Laws and/or the OMB regulations found in 2 CFR 200.318-326, whichever is most stringent and applicable to your organization and project budget.

All Grant Applications

Is my organization eligible to apply for a grant?

For the Energy-Efficient Retrofits of Local Governments, K-12 Schools, and Non-Profit Organizations, you are eligible if you are (1) an incorporated unit of local government (municipality or county) in Alabama, (2) are a public K-12 school system in Alabama, or (3) have 501(c) tax exempt status and are in Alabama.

For the Energy-Efficient Retrofits of Wastewater Treatment Facilities, eligible applicants include wastewater treatment facilities in Alabama. Facilities may be any wastewater facility, including industrial, municipal, or non-profit.

For the Energy Codes Training, applicants must be a non-profit organization or a college or university with knowledge of Alabama's current energy codes.

*The SEP Grant Application and Guides can be found on ADECA's website at <https://adeca.alabama.gov/about/funding-opportunities/>.