



Office of Energy and Environment
Energy Loan Fund

The Energy Loan Fund:

- Provides a low-interest loan for eligible projects that reduce energy use and costs.
- Projects must reduce an existing facility's energy use by a minimum of 15 percent.
- Creates long-term cost savings for the business, community or nonprofit organization.



Eligible Applicants:

- **Small businesses**
- **Manufacturers**
- **Public Entities and Nonprofits** (local governments; public colleges, universities, and community colleges; hospitals; and school districts; or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations)

Eligible Projects:

- **Energy Efficiency:** Activities to reduce energy consumption, such as computer aided modeling, insulation, installation of light emitting diodes (LED) lighting, energy efficient lighting including day-lighting, energy management demand control systems and occupancy sensors, heating, venting and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades, installation of high-efficiency boilers, weather sealing, fixed ENERGY STAR appliances, and replacement of windows and doors.
- **Distributed Energy Generation:** Technologies that create or capture energy, such as district heating and cooling systems, combined heat and power systems, cogeneration systems, energy storage systems, micro turbines, biomass, and renewable energy, when part of a larger energy efficiency project.
- **Traffic signals and street lighting:** Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies.

Program Requirements:

An Energy Loan Fund project is expected to result in energy, economic, and environmental impacts that include:

- A return on investment in less than 15 years, which allows the loan to be repaid within a reasonable time period;
- A minimum of 15 percent energy use reduction from existing conditions, based on an engineer/architect approved ASHRAE II energy audit acceptable to Development;
- Improvement in environmental quality; and
- Economic impact such as job creation or retention.

How to Apply:

For more information and a link to the online application visit:
Development.Ohio.Gov/EnergyLoanFund

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