

PA SMALL BUSINESS ADVANTAGE GRANT PROGRAM



SUMMARY

PA DEP's Small Business Advantage Grant provides grants to improve energy efficiency, reduce pollution/waste or reduce runoff into affected waterways.

- Created by Act 19 of 1996 (Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program Act)
- Administered by PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Annual program funding (2022/23): \$1 million
- Total program funding since inception: \$24 million
- Funding Source: State Budget

FEATURES

"Equipment" purchases for agricultural projects include such supplies as trees for streamside buffers, streambank and grazing management fencing, barnyard controls, and solar pumps for offsite watering facilities.

Features technical support which is provided regardless of grant award.

Projects must demonstrate a minimum of a \$500 savings and 20% decrease in energy consumption or pollution prevention expense (Natural Resource improvements excluded.)

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Pennsylvania-based businesses with 100 or fewer full-time employees are eligible.

Eligible Costs

Up to 50-80% (5,000- \$8,000 maximum) in materials costs for upgrading equipment or installing new energy efficient methods are covered with some exceptions.

- Replacing existing LED light fixtures
- Upgrading medical equipment
- Natural Resource Protection projects - includes water and wastewater recycling and agricultural BMPs
- Installing Solar Pumps for Agricultural watering
- Other projects demonstrating direct energy reductions

Requires 50% match for all projects.

HELPFUL TIPS

[Instructional videos and an online calculator](#) help you compute your project costs and complete the application.

Covered expenses are very specific; be sure to read to ensure you meet requirements.

Applications may be deemed deficient, if this occurs, they can be corrected within 15 days and still be considered.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online via [DCED online Single Application](#); be sure to upload all required attachments.

Application Period: Opens August 18, 2023; first-come, first-serve until March 22, 2024.

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