

2021 Benchmarked Building Energy Efficiency Application

Please review, fill out, and submit all pages of this application for consideration. The City of Minneapolis reserves the right to revoke the grant money if the customer or contractor violates program rules and procedures. The City of Minneapolis is not liable for grants promised to customers because of a contractor misrepresenting this grant program.

Overview:

The City of Minneapolis is happy to announce a special incentive for large commercial and multifamily buildings covered under the City's Energy Benchmarking ordinance 47.190 to help pay for energy efficiency upgrades. Incentives are as follows;

Incentive Category:	Incentive Rate:	Qualification
Energy Benchmarked Building	30% match up to \$100,000	Be a part of the city's required energy benchmarking program for commercial and multifamily residential buildings greater than 50,000 square feet. Check if your building is on the list of qualified buildings
Energy Evaluation Program	40% match up to \$100,000	This incentive is available to the benchmarked buildings that have been required to go through an energy evaluation based on building performance.

While we try to fund all projects, funds are limited. Use this application to demonstrate the competitiveness of your project. After each deadline, applications are reviewed and ranked by a third-party panel of experts in the energy field. Priority will be given to projects that qualify for the Environmental Justice, Energy Benchmarking, and Minneapolis forward rate.

Special Stimulus Funding Deadline: August 15, 2021

(Any additional deadline will be announced on the Green Cost Share website)

Energy Efficiency Cost Share Program Rules and Process:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Properties applying for a grant must;
 - Be an existing commercial, industrial, or multifamily (4+ units) property located within the City of Minneapolis.
 - Be a new project that has not already started construction
- Eligible Projects Must;
 - Include a non-lighting component if request is greater than \$5,000. Non-Lighting components may include motion sensors, or other programmable aspects of lighting.
 - Qualify for an Xcel Energy or CenterPoint rebate. Submit proof of rebate application or pre-approval notice with the application.
 - Have a payback period greater than 1 year
 - Use the highest efficient equipment available and feasible installed at the property
- Any open or past due housing orders need to be abated prior to final payment.

How to Apply:

- Fill out Green Cost Share Application.
- Attach your utility rebate application, pre-approval notice, or scope of work showing estimated energy savings.
- Email Cost Share Application and attachments to GreenCostShare@minneapolismn.gov.

When Awarded a Cost Share:

- Sign up as a [supplier](#) with the City of Minneapolis.
- Take before pictures of the improvements and send them to GreenCostShare@minneapolismn.gov
- Begin the Cost Share contracting process at most 90 days after receiving a program acceptance email. If you do not communicate to the city that the project is moving forward within 90 days of acceptance the city will reallocate the funding to another project.

After Projects are Completed:

- All installations must be completed by the date specified in your Green Cost Share Agreement.
- Email the Items listed below to the city contract manager by the date specified in your Green Cost Share Agreement. If more than one contractor is used, there must be complete sets of these documents for each contractor.
 - Before and after photographs highlighting the improvement
 - Proof of final inspection by the City of Minneapolis for any work requiring a City permit.
 - Final paid invoice from the contractor or vendor showing the total project cost
 - Rebate verification (i.e. copy of the rebate check received from utilities)
- Email just the city reimbursement invoice to submitinvoices@minneapolismn.gov

Other Rules & Procedures:

- Funds are allocated based on what's approved in the Green Cost Share application. In the event the final invoice is higher than the bid, additional Cost Share funds must be approved by the program administrator.
- Applicant is responsible for arranging all the upfront project financing.
- Cost share funds can only be used to compensate for the materials and labor specified on the Cost Share bid.
- All work must meet City of Minneapolis, state, regional, and national zoning, building, and fire codes.
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that product purchases, equipment purchase and installation, or other work proposed have been completed satisfactorily before paying the contractor(s).

Application Procedure:



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Energy Efficiency Cost Share Application

*Complete all sections on this application. * = Required*

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name*: _____

Applicant Business*: _____

Business Address*: _____

Phone*: _____ Email*: _____

Business Type (use drop down) *:

Business Demographics (Optional):

We want to better understand who our program is reaching and how to meet the unique needs of each business. Please check any boxes that apply to your business.

Business Ownership (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Alaskan Native Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to Answer or Not Applicable | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This business is a registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) | |

General Contractor Information:

Developer: _____ Contact Name: _____

Contact email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Project Summary*: What energy efficiency projects are you undertaking? (5 Points)

Project Address*:

Energy Savings*:

Est. Electricity Savings
(kWh/year)

Est. Natural Gas

Savings (Therms/year)

Funding Information*:

Requested Green Cost
Share Funds:

\$ _____

Not to exceed (\$100,000)

Est. Utility rebate:

\$ _____

Total amount from Xcel or CenterPoint rebates
(Attach Verification Documentation)

Est. Owner Match:

\$ _____

Est. Total Project Cost:

\$ _____

(Attach project estimates)

Application Questions* (95 Points)

The answers to these questions will be used to prioritize funding distribution, and to describe the project in subsequent promotional material.

1. Is your property in any of the following priority areas or programs?? (Check all that Apply):

- Project is within a [Green Zone](#), [Great Street Eligible Priority Area](#), ☐ (25 Points)
or qualifies for an income qualified housing program:
- Project is a part of Minneapolis' Energy Benchmarking Program: ☐ (25 Points)

2. What other Incentives are you planning to receive? (Check all that Apply): (5 points)

[Xcel Energy](#) or [CenterPoint Rebate Program](#):

☐

[MN Chamber of Commerce Business Energy Efficiency Program](#):

☐

[Property Assessed Clean Energy \(PACE\)](#):

☐

Other: _____

☐

3. This year the Green Cost Share is supporting the City's Minneapolis Forward Initiatives to aid properties impacted by civil unrest. Follow the link to view an incomplete [list of affected properties](#). Check the box below if your building was significantly (>25%) impacted by the civil unrest, and use the space provided to explain the damage done to your property.

☐ Yes, my building was significantly impacted by the civil unrest (15 Points)

4. What is the combined expected payback for the projects in this application? _____ years (5 Points)

Formula: Total Cost/Estimated Annual Savings = Payback

5. In the Green Cost Share we want to prioritize projects that deliver direct benefits and energy savings to underserved and marginalized communities. What, if any, benefits do this project provide to low-income, underserved, or energy burdened residents? Please describe how you will demonstrate that. (10 points)

6. What motivated you to start this project? (i.e. Comfort, Aesthetic Feel, Productivity, Electricity Use). (5 points)

Bonus Questions for the Contractor

The Green Careers Exploration program aims to reduce disparities in income and employment, and build the local workforce needed to meet the city's climate change goals by preparing young adults for jobs in solar energy, energy efficiency, and other sustainable development fields.

7. Are you currently participating in the City's Green Careers Exploration program? (5 Points) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank you for completing your application!

We look forward to reviewing it. Decisions are made about 30 days following the application deadline. Any Application(s) submitted between deadlines will be reviewed at the same time as all other applications received by the deadline.

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