

# Georgia Energy Grant Program Guidance

The Georgia Energy Grant Program will fund projects in the areas of Energy Planning, Energy Efficiency, Workforce Development and Energy Resiliency. The US Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) funding to support this concept for the current program year.

**Purpose:** This program will provide funding for eligible applicants to initiate and accelerate energy projects focused on energy planning, energy efficiency, and energy resilience. GEFA has \$566,286.26 available to fund this program and assist those throughout Georgia.

## How much can I request?

Requests for funding can range from \$50,000-\$150,00. Minimum 10% cost match is required, but additional leveraging of funds is encouraged to maximize the energy-related benefits of a project. Please note that, due to limited funding, the grants are highly competitive and only a small number of projects may receive a grant award. Please note all projects awarded grant funding **must be completed by September 30, 2026**.

## Eligible Applicants:

- State agencies
- Local governments
- Public colleges/universities/technical colleges
- K-12 public schools
- Non-profit organizations

## Eligible Projects:

- Energy Planning:
  - Development and implementation of a community energy efficiency and conservation strategy.
- Energy Efficiency:
  - Energy audits, preventative maintenance, retrofits, upgrades, Energy Savings Performance Contract support, Building Automated Controls, Optimizing HVAC controls for efficiency.
- Energy Workforce Development:
  - Workforce needs assessment or gap analysis in implementing grid resilience, clean energy, and energy efficiency technologies. Energy-related certification or scholarship at an in-state public college/university/technical college.
- Improved Energy Resiliency
  - Development of a community energy resilience plan, Mapping critical infrastructure, feasibility studies on backup power generation for critical facilities.

## When can I apply?

An announcement will be made to before opening the application through QuickBase to ensure proper time to gather ideas and quotes for submission. The official Application Link and information will come through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority website, email, newsletter, and social media platforms.

## Application Process and Submission

All applications must be completed through QuickBase at <https://georgiaenvironmentalfinanceauthority.quickbase.com/db/buyh6jpuf?a=nwr> with all supporting documents uploaded or emailed to [mwilson@gefa.ga.gov](mailto:mwilson@gefa.ga.gov) before the deadline time and date. Only completed applications will be considered.

## Award Process and Selection Criteria

Fully completed applications will be reviewed by GEFA and an advisory board against the general criteria below. When a project is fully reviewed the applicant will be notified if they have been awarded grant funds and follow up with an executed contract for signatures. Funds will be reimbursed after confirmation of completed work on the project.

General criteria:

- Expected energy savings and easy payback period
- Visibility of the project
- Ability to complete project within specified timeframe
- Educational and/or demonstration value of the project
- Community impact and benefits

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## Post-Award Responsibilities

Prior to project completion, you will start to collect all closing documents to submit your last reimbursement request. GEFA will require you to report on the results of your projects depending on where measurements are applicable project complies. Measurements on total square footage retrofitted/upgraded, implementing an Energy plan for the community, annual energy savings, community response and engagement, and built workforce. You may include pictures and testimonials in these reports as well.