

NYSERDA Support for P-12 Schools

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REMINDER:

NYSERDA has funding to facilitate or support energy efficiency projects!!

Clean Green Schools Initiative: Program Structure

- This program provides funding in two tracks to support a school's pathway towards decarbonization.
 - Track I Planning: Open Enrollment (**accepting apps until 12/30/25**)
 - Provides funding for services which will help schools evaluate, plan for and facilitate energy reduction projects, clean energy projects and indoor air quality projects.
 - Track II Installation: Competitive (**second round coming soon**)
 - Provides funding to implement construction projects which will help schools decarbonize their buildings.
 - Clean Energy Educational and Professional Development Opportunities:
 - NYSERDA will provide funding to support a range of workforce development and student educational activities for P-12 students that explore, support or promote decarbonization efforts in their schools and communities. This is an optional service in Track I and Track II.

Track I Planning: Eligible Projects

- **Eligible services include, but are not limited to:**
 - Engineering & Architecture Services
 - Energy Benchmarking
 - Energy Studies
 - Energy Efficiency and Clean Heating and Cooling Design Services
 - Energy Master Planning and Decarbonization Roadmaps
 - Clean Transportation Studies
 - Indoor Air Quality Evaluation and Management
 - On-Site Energy Manager
 - District level or across districts
 - Services Associated with Clean Energy Projects
 - Grant Writer
 - Fiscal Advisor
 - Clean Energy Educational and Professional Development Activities
 - *This must be paired with an above bullet and is ineligible as a standalone project.*

Track II Installation: Eligible Projects

(Second Round Coming Soon!!)

- **Clean Heating and Cooling Projects:**
 - Ground Source Heat Pump
 - Air Source Heat Pump
 - Variable Refrigerant Flow System
- **Capital Projects to Move Towards Decarbonization:**
 - Comprehensive retrofits that impact energy consumption and overall building load
 - Electrification of building systems (e.g., kitchen equipment & domestic hot water heaters)
 - Building electrification readiness projects:
 - High performance building envelope (e.g., air sealing, insulation, window film)
 - Heating/cooling projects
 - Conversion of distribution systems (e.g., steam to hot water) to support potential future electrification

Ineligible Projects:

- System conversion to natural gas
- Full system replacement to new fossil fuel-based system

PON Modifications Coming Soon

- **PON modifications include:**
 - An expanded school eligibility list.
 - Higher funding caps in Track I and Track II.
 - A second round of Track II.

FlexTech Program (PON 4192)

- **Summary**
 - NYSERDA will provide a cost-share up to **75%** for Energy Studies, Energy Master Planning and Clean Heating and Cooling Studies.
 - Cost-sharing for each of these efforts is capped at **\$500,000 per project** or **10% of annual energy expenditure** (whichever is less).
- **Eligibility**
 - Eligible project sites include **publicly or privately-owned buildings** that provide P-12 education.
 - Buildings must pay into the Systems Benefit Charge (SBC) on their electric utility bill.

**How have your peers
leveraged the NYSERDA
programs?**

Questions

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