



# \$1.6 Million Available for New and Existing Communities!

Application Cycle:

Existing communities: October to February 16, 2017

New communities: October to February 16, 2017

## Program Benefits

Local governments participating in the MSEC program become eligible for grant funding from MEA to be used for energy-related projects.

Becoming a Smart Energy Community will result in:

- Funding for energy-related projects
- Reduced utility and fuel expenses
- Support of local sustainability
- Greenhouse gas emissions reduction
- Statewide recognition

## Program Eligibility

Any incorporated Maryland local government (city, town, or county) can become a Maryland Smart Energy Community. Communities currently in the program are encouraged to apply under the existing community track - additional funding is available for innovative and impactful energy projects.

## Becoming a Smart Energy Community

To be designated as a Smart Energy Community, a Maryland local government must:

1. Adopt two of the three policies specified by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)
2. Submit an energy and or transportation baseline
3. Develop an action plan towards the selected policy goals

### Local Governments must adopt two of the three programs:

#### Efficiency

Reduce energy consumption of city/town/county owned buildings by 15% within five years of their community's selected baseline year.

#### Renewable Energy

Increase community's renewable energy capacity to meet 20% of their locally owned government buildings' electricity demand by 2022.

#### Transportation Petroleum Reduction

Reduce petroleum fuel consumption for all local government vehicles by 20% within five years of their community's selected baseline year.

## For Additional Information

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## Program Mission

The mission of the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) program is to have local governments adopt policies and commit to them for the long term, leading to sustained energy savings and additional opportunities for renewable energy development.

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