



Maryland Smart Energy Communities

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

Funding for eligible energy-related projects
Reduced utility and fuel expenses
Greenhouse gas emissions reduction

Any Maryland local government (counties and incorporated towns, cities) can become a Maryland Smart Energy Community.

Local governments participating in the Smart Energy Community program become eligible for grant funding from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to be used for energy-related projects. On average, \$1 million in grant funding has been available per year with most communities receiving between \$10,000 and \$75,000.

MSEC grantees adopt two or more of the following policies: energy efficiency, renewable energy and or transportation petroleum reduction. MSEC grantees reduce energy consumption in their facility buildings by 15% within five years of their selected baseline year. MSEC grantees move to increase community's renewable energy capacity to meet 20% of their local government –owned buildings electricity demand within five years of selected baseline year. MSEC grantees work to reduce petroleum fuel consumption for all local government vehicles by 20% within five years of their community's selected baseline year.

Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Program Launch

The deadline for both the New Community Application and the Existing Community Application is December 20, 2019. For FY20, up to \$860,000 total is available: \$475,000 for Energy-Efficiency projects, up to \$300,000 for Tier 1 Renewable Energy projects, and up to \$85,000 for Transportation projects. Funding will be divided between both existing and new MSEC communities.

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