

Maryland Invests Nearly \$8 Million in New Clean Energy Projects for Maryland's College and University Campuses

FY26 Higher Education Clean Energy Program Funds Projects at 10 Higher Education Campuses

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is proud to announce the FY26 Higher Education Clean Energy Program award recipients, with \$8 million in grants awarded to nine higher education institutions across the state. These funds will support the installation of solar energy systems, campus-level clean energy and sustainability planning, curriculum development, and workforce training initiatives.

Together, these investments will reduce carbon emissions while preparing students with skills and hands-on experience needed to thrive in the growing clean energy economy.

Higher education institutions are engines of innovation and progress, preparing the next generation of leaders, researchers and professionals who will shape our future. They represent the cutting edge of technology and learning, and their campuses can serve as living laboratories for the ideas that move society forward. By investing in clean energy and sustainability curricula, Maryland is positioning its colleges and universities to lead the transition to a decarbonized future.

These projects represent nearly 4 MW of new solar capacity across Maryland's college and university campuses.			
Higher Education Institution	Award Amount	Project Scope	System Size (kW)
Bowie State University	\$727,500	Install 165 kW of direct-owned solar, develop a Campus Clean Energy Master Plan, create three new workforce training programs, and employ five student interns to support the project.	165 kW
College of Southern Maryland	\$1,002,500	Install 275 kW of direct-owned solar, develop a Campus Clean Energy Master Plan, create a solar technician training program, and employ five student	275 kW

		interns to support the project.	
Frostburg State University	\$447,000	Install 220 kW of third-party owned solar, develop a Campus Clean Energy Master Plan, develop two new clean energy focused courses, and employ five student interns to support the project.	220 kW
Goucher College	\$1,000,000	Install 579 kW of direct-owned solar.	579 kW
Loyola University, Maryland	\$1,063,972	Install 143 kW of direct-owned solar, create a new energy engineering course, and employ three student interns to support the project.	143 kW
Morgan State University	\$867,500	Install 337 kW of third-party owned solar and employ five student interns to support the project.	337 kW
Prince George's Community College	\$414,750	Install 55 kW of direct-owned solar, develop a Campus Clean Energy Master Plan, create a Clean Energy Certificate Program, and employ five student interns to support the project.	55 kW
University of Maryland, College Park	\$808,000	Install 1,348 kW of third-party owned solar.	1,348 kW
Washington College	\$1,315,000	Install 506 kW of direct-owned solar, develop a Campus Clean Energy Master Plan, create a new renewable energy course, and employ five student interns to support the project.	506 kW

About the Program

The **Higher Education Clean Energy Program** is administered by the Maryland Energy Administration and funded through the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF). The program is designed to foster a holistic approach to sustainability by supporting the adoption of on-site renewable energy technologies, the integration of strategic energy planning into operations and academic curricula, and the advancement of workforce development in the renewable energy sector.