

MEA Programs Update

Strategic Energy Investment
Advisory Board



Maryland
Energy
Administration

MEA's Mission

Our mission at MEA is to promote clean, affordable, reliable energy and energy-related greenhouse gas emission reductions to benefit Marylanders in a just and equitable manner.



FY24 Recap - Example Program Demand

Program	Anticipated Funding Available	\$/Value Applications Received
Energy Efficiency Equity Program	\$19.5 million	\$34 million
Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural Energy Efficiency Program	\$4.4 million	\$6.7 million
Decarbonizing Public Schools	\$24.8 million	\$41 million
Resilient Maryland (including Resiliency Hubs)	\$6 million	\$9.6 million
Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Vehicles and Off Road Equipment	\$6.25 million	\$12.4 million
OSW Supply Chain and Workforce Programs (Non-SEIF)	\$6 million	\$5.8 million

FY25 Look Ahead

- Return of most programs, some continued consolidation likely
- Largest program offering in MEA history
- Approximately half allocated to solar benefitting overburdened and underserved communities and Marlanders facing economic challenges (HB550)



FY25 Look Ahead

- Maryland Solar Access Program replaces Clean Energy Rebate Program in mid-FY25 (Brighter Tomorrow Act SB0783)
 - Up to \$7,500 per project (\$750 per kW)
 - Income qualified
 - Third party owned systems permitted
 - Reservation based program as opposed to rebates
 - Consumer protections to be developed with stakeholder feedback
- SolarApp grants (IIJA State Energy Program Grant Funded)
 - Grants to local governments to defray the costs of implementing SolarApp
 - SolarApp software integration, education and other costs

Climate Pollution Reduction Plan

Down Payment - Investment Acceleration

- \$17 million to purchase or lease electric school buses to serve Maryland public school students;
- \$23 million to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in low and moderate income communities;
- \$50 million for to electrify hospitals, schools, multi-family housing, and other community buildings.
- Notices of Intent to be published in early FY25

FY25 Program Launch Process and Anticipated Timeline

General Notice
of Upcoming
Programs

Notices of
Program Intent
Opp for
Comments

Funding Opportunity
Announcements
(FOA)

Award
Notifications

Grant Awards/
Commitment
Letters

Late
Spring/Early
Summer

Late
Spring/Early
Summer

Late
Summer/Early
Fall

Late Fall/Early
Spring

Winter/Early
Spring

MEA is Hiring



Staff to administer SEIF and Federally funded programs

- Leadership positions in the Division of Programs
- Program Managers
- Energy Specialists

Complete list can be found [@ MEA Jobs](#)

Discussion FY25 and beyond



Looking forward

- Expand investment in community serving organizations and efforts such as schools and community facing facilities
- Address equity through investments that focus on scaling up benefits for overburdened and underserved communities
- Seek market transformative initiatives that help bridge the near term financial gap to lasting change
- Support community scale investment in clean energy and resiliency
- Implement efforts that create jobs and opportunity for current and future Marylanders as well as businesses

Discussion FY25 and beyond



- What initiatives can achieve the greatest balance of progress towards 100% clean electricity, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and equity?
- What are some big bold initiatives that can help us make progress at scale?
- As we staff up, what advice do you have to help us expand stakeholder engagement?

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