



General Notice of Intent for Upcoming Fiscal Year 26 (FY26) Maryland Energy Administration Energy Programs

Please note this list is provided for planning purposes only. Each individual Program Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will include specific program requirements.

Program names and details may change based on the final program design and stakeholder feedback. ** Please check [MEA's website](#) frequently for program details, follow our social media, or [click to subscribe](#) for MEA Agency Updates.

Clean Energy and Resilience Programs

- **Community Solar Low-to-Moderate Income Power Purchase Agreement Grant Program**
- **Commercial and Canopy Solar Program**
- **Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Grant Program (New in fiscal year 2026, superseding the prior Energy Storage Tax Credit)**
- **Maryland Solar Access Program**
- **Maryland Solar Access Bridge Fund**
- **Resilient Maryland Program**
- **SolarAPP+ Implementation Grant Program***

Residential Buildings Energy Efficiency Programs

- **Residential Energy Equity Grant Program**
- **Affordable Electrification Outreach Program**
- **MD Ground Source Heat Pump Advantage Pilot Program**
- **Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebate Programs***

Commercial and Community Energy Programs

- **Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) Technical Assistance Program, an initiative of the Clean Buildings Hub**
- **Commercial and Industrial Grant Program**

Commercial and Community Energy Programs Cont.

- **Decarbonizing Public Schools Program**
- **Electrifying Community Buildings Program**
- **Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program**
- **Local Government Energy Modernization (L-GEM)**

Clean Transportation and Innovation Programs

- **Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Rebate Program**
- **Electric School Bus Grant Program**
- **Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant Program**
- **Community Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Program**
- **OPEN Energy Innovation Grant Program**

Other Program Notes:

MEA is currently coordinating with other entities/state agencies on offshore wind workforce and supply chain focused programs. MEA anticipates that these funds will be administered directly by partner agencies. Information on how to access these funds will be posted once these agency partnerships are finalized.

***Federally-funded programs are one time awards from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and may be at various stages of implementation. Federally-funded programs are contingent upon the approval and allocation of funds from DOE or the applicable federal agency.**

****This Notice of Intent (NOI) is informational and subject to change, including but not limited specific program branding, program launch dates and program availability.**

Clean Energy and Resilience Programs		
Program	Estimated Launch Date	Program Description
Community Solar Low-to-Moderate Income Power Purchase Agreement Grant Program	Fall 2025	<p>Purpose: Grants to Maryland community solar subscriber organizations to benefit low-income subscribers – enabling community solar subscriber organizations to offer lower subscription rates to low-income households and increase their participation</p> <p>Target Audience: Eligible applicant entities are Community Solar Subscriber Organizations (residents do not receive funds directly from MEA).</p>
Commercial Solar Grant Program	Fall 2025	<p>Purpose: Provides grants for installation of solar PV systems on commercial properties (on rooftops, ground-mounts, or parking canopies).</p> <p>Target Audience: Businesses, Nonprofits, Agriculture, and others.</p>
Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Grant Program	Summer 2025	<p>Purpose: To support the installation of qualified energy storage technologies at residential and commercial properties.</p> <p>Target Audience: Residential Homeowners, Commercial organizations, Nonprofits.</p>
Maryland Solar Access Program	Summer 2025	<p>Purpose: To help low-to-moderate income Maryland residents install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to power their homes with clean, affordable, and sustainable energy.</p> <p>Target Audience: Income-eligible households who contract with a solar PV vendor from the program’s participating contractor list.</p>
Maryland Solar Access Bridge Fund	Spring 2026	<p>Purpose: A one-time fund designed to address the unexpected financial gap created by the early phase-out of the federal Residential Clean Energy Credit by providing grants that approximate the value of the expired federal tax credit.</p> <p>Target Audience: Qualifying Maryland residents who received a grant (or are expecting to receive a grant) from the Maryland Solar Access Program.</p>

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Program	Estimated Launch Date	Program Description
Resilient Maryland Program	Fall 2025	<p>Purpose: Provides grants to develop and install microgrids, resiliency hubs, and other distributed energy resources (DERs) for critical and community uses. Funding for planning or implementation available.</p> <p>Target Audience: Facilities that serve as community hubs or as critical infrastructure (e.g., hospitals, wastewater treatment, food supply chains, etc.). Eligible applicants include local governments, nonprofits, higher education institutions, and others.</p>
SolarAPP+ Implementation Grant Program	Summer 2025	<p>Purpose: Grants to defray the costs associated with implementing the free-to-use U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory SolarAPP+ automated residential solar permitting software, such as contractual support, staff training costs, software integration costs, and others.</p> <p>Target Audience: Maryland counties, cities, towns, and other Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs).</p>
Residential Buildings Energy Efficiency Programs		
Program	Estimated Launch Date	Program Description
Residential Energy Equity	Fall 2025	<p>Purpose: Grants to support organizations implementing energy efficiency, electrification, and solar PV upgrades to single-family and multi-family homes that benefit low-and-moderate income residents.</p> <p>Target Audience: Eligible applicant entities are Nonprofit Organizations and Local Governments that serve low-and-moderate income residents (residents do not receive funds directly from MEA). Starting in FY26, nonprofit organizations seeking funding to upgrade LMI-serving commercial facilities should see the Commercial & Industrial Grant Program below.</p>
Affordable Electrification Outreach Program	Fall 2025	<p>Purpose: Grants to support community-based outreach to educate owners and tenants of single-family and multi-family residences on the benefits of building electrification and to encourage the adoption of electrification measures.</p> <p>Target Audience: Community-based non-profit organizations.</p>

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Maryland Ground Source Heat Pump Advantage Pilot Program	Winter 2025	<p>Purpose: The Pilot incentivizes the installation of ground source heat pump (GSHP) systems at scale in residential new construction developments.</p> <p>Target Audience: Residential new construction builders and developers, housing authorities and equivalent government agencies, and business entities and nonprofit organizations partnering with an eligible builder, developer, housing authority or equivalent government agency.</p>
<p>Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebate Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Efficiency Rebates Opportunity Program (HERO); - Home Electrification & Appliance Rebates Program (HEAR) 	Pending Approval from U.S. Dept. of Energy	<p>Purpose: To fund energy efficiency and electrification upgrades to single-family and multi-family homes', focusing on low-and-moderate income beneficiaries. More comprehensive information can be found on MEA's IRA Rebates page.</p> <p>Target Audience: Eligible applicant entities may include individual households and/or aggregator organizations that serve low-and-moderate income residents.</p>
Commercial and Community Buildings Energy Programs		
Program	Estimated Launch Date	Program Description
BEPS Technical Assistance Program, an initiative of the Clean Buildings Hub	Spring 2026	<p>Purpose: Empower Maryland's building owners to make well informed energy investments in their properties through one-on-one technical assistance, such as technical support with benchmarking or multi-year retrofit planning.</p> <p>Target Audience: Buildings over 35,000 square feet, subject to Maryland's Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS).</p>
Commercial and Industrial Grant Program	Fall 2025	<p>Purpose: Cost-effective energy efficiency investments in buildings with commercial, industrial, data centers, or non-profit uses to reduce operating costs and achieve energy performance that exceeds minimum codes and standards.</p> <p>Target Audience: For-profit and non-profit building owners.</p>

Commercial and Community Buildings Energy Programs Cont.

Program	Estimated Launch Date	Program Description
Decarbonizing Public Schools Program	Summer 2025	<p>Purpose: Energy efficiency, electrification, and clean energy projects across school districts’ portfolios of current and future K-12 schools and support facilities. Eligible activities may include planning and capacity building, energy efficiency and solar projects on existing school facilities, and new construction of Net-Zero Energy schools.</p> <p>Target Audience: Maryland’s 24 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and the MD School for the Blind.</p>
Electrifying Community Buildings Program	Fall 2025	<p>Purpose: Electrification of hospitals and medical facilities, multi-family buildings in low-and-moderate income communities, schools, and community buildings. Eligible projects will include heat pumps, energy efficient building shells and other energy conservation efforts.</p> <p>Target Audience: For-profit and non-profit building owners.</p>
Higher Education Clean Energy Grant Program	Summer 2025	<p>Purpose: Grants to advance sustainability and affordability at institutions of higher education, by incentivizing a) investments in on-site solar installation; b) integration of energy planning into operations through the completion of a clean energy master plan; c) development of clean energy training courses; and d) providing on-the-job learning opportunities for student interns.</p> <p>Target Audience: All Maryland’s Accredited Institutions of Higher Education, including community colleges.</p>
Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program	Summer 2025	<p>Purpose: Low-cost capital financing for projects that result in significant energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions. Funds are provided at below-market rates to Maryland nonprofits and businesses and at zero financing cost to local governments, state agencies and departments.</p> <p>Target Audience: Businesses and nonprofit organizations, Maryland counties and municipalities, and all State of Maryland bodies (i.e. state agencies, departments, colleges, universities).</p>

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Program	Estimated Launch Date	Program Description
<p>Local Government Energy Modernization (L-GEM)</p> <p>Increased one-time funding for FY26.</p>	<p>Summer 2025</p>	<p>Purpose: Grant funding to support large-scale efforts to plan and implement energy efficiency and clean energy projects across local governments’ portfolios of public facilities. For FY26 only, MEA anticipates offering over \$60 million in one-time funding to accelerate adoption of clean energy. This program will replace Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) for FY26.</p> <p>Target Audience: County and municipal governments.</p>
Clean Transportation and Innovation Programs		
Program	Estimated Launch Date	Program Description
<p>Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Rebate Program</p>	<p>Summer 2025</p>	<p>Purpose: Rebates to support the acquisition and installation of qualified electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), also known as charging stations. The program aims to incentivize the adoption of electric vehicles by reducing the upfront costs associated with EV charging infrastructure, both for commercial and residential settings.</p> <p>Target Audience: Commercial entities (businesses, fleets, etc.) and Residential users.</p>
<p>Electric School Bus Grant Program</p>	<p>Fall 2025</p>	<p>Purpose: Support the adoption of zero-emission electric school buses and the installation of associated charging infrastructure, benefiting both public and privately operated school bus fleets across Maryland. These efforts aim to promote cleaner air, environmental justice, and equitable access to sustainable transportation, especially for underserved and overburdened communities.</p> <p>Target Audience: Public school districts, including those operated by tribal governments, charter schools, and non-profit organizations or vendors acting on behalf of a school district or charter school. Priority consideration may be given to applicants serving historically underserved or overburdened student populations.</p>

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<p>Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant Program</p>	<p>Summer 2025</p>	<p>Purpose: Support the purchase of qualifying zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and heavy equipment for commercial or industrial use. The program aims to accelerate the adoption of ZEVs in medium and heavy-duty applications, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting cleaner transportation solutions.</p> <p>Target Audience: Commercial and industrial entities, agricultural, Fleet operators, and Manufacturers of medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment.</p>
<p>Community Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Program</p>	<p>Fall 2025</p>	<p>Purpose: Install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in, or accessible to, low-and-moderate income, overburdened, and underserved communities to expand access to EV charging in Maryland, and reduce transportation emissions in those communities.</p> <p>Target Audience: Businesses, nonprofits, and state and local governments.</p>
<p>OPEN Energy Innovation Grant Program</p>	<p>Fall 2025</p>	<p>Purpose: Grants and other potential incentives or support for innovative projects focused on advancing MEA's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve equitable access to clean energy and reduce costs as well as other state goals. Typically, these are projects that fall outside of the agency's established technology and sector specific programs and are focused on deploying clean energy technologies.</p> <p>Target Audience: Businesses, nonprofit organizations, local governments, state governments, higher education institutions, other organizations.</p>