

Illinois Finance Authority

Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Grants



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Program Overview

The Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Grant Program, supported by funding from the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, is intended to assist **municipal and cooperative utilities** in transitioning to cleaner energy sources. The program provides financial support for activities that meet the planning and procurement requirements of the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act, in alignment with Illinois' goal of achieving 100% carbon-free power by 2045.

Funding & Eligibility

- This round of funding will support **2-9 municipal or cooperative electric utilities** in their strategic clean energy planning, procurement, and implementation efforts.
- **\$1.8 million** in available funding, with a maximum award amount of **\$200,000**.
- Funding can be used for projects that demonstrate a clear strategy to:
 - Support CEJA-aligned clean energy transition planning and procurement
 - Facilitate the retirement and replacement of fossil fuel-based electricity sources
 - Facilitate contracting for clean energy resources
 - Result in projected and measurable GHG emissions reductions

Round 4 Details

Funding

- **\$1.8 million** in available funding
- Up to **\$200,000** per award
- Award Type: Competitive

Submission Information

- One-time submission
- Open date: 9/1/2026
- Close date: 11/13/2026

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