

New York State Energy Research & Development Authority

Energy Efficiency Programs

Q. What are the deadlines for NYSERDA energy efficiency programs included in the CFA?

A. Applicants can apply to 5 NYSERDA programs via the CFA. There are different deadlines depending on the program you are applying to. Please refer to [NYSERDA's website](#) for more details concerning each specific program's deadlines and eligibility requirements.

Q. Do you need to be a certified MWBE to be eligible for NYSERDA grants?

A. No, these are open enrollment programs with funding available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q. When would we receive the award if it were given to us? Are they given out periodically or are they not given out until the end of the filing deadline?

A. These are open enrollment programs. Awards are based on the program you have applied for, the pace of your project, and funding availability. Please refer to [NYSERDA's website](#) for more details concerning program requirements, deadlines, and award information.

Q. When we submit our application, how long will it take us to find out whether or not we have been awarded the grant?

A. When an application is submitted through the CFA, you can expect a response back within 2 weeks of submission.

Q. Do we receive feedback on applications that are denied?

A. Yes. The Applicant will be notified if their application was denied and why.

Q. What do the percentage of savings look like for a typical project?

A. There are five NYSERDA programs that can be applied to via the CFA. Please refer to [NYSERDA's website](#) for more details concerning specific program requirements for each program.

Q. In regards to the Commercial New Construction Program, can you elaborate on the Financial Support?

A. The Commercial New Construction Program offers objective technical and financial support to building owners to effect a permanent transformation in the way buildings are designed and constructed in New York State. Technical and financial support is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to funding availability. Financial support is locked in at the time NYSERDA issues a written pre-approval of the financial offer.

NYSERDA provides cost-shared technical support to help applicants and their design teams assess and determine the most applicable energy efficiency and green building opportunities for the building. Applicants may select a technical consultant from a list maintained by NYSERDA, or may utilize the services of a provider of their choice, subject to NYSERDA approval. Supplemental technical support is available for applicants pursuing a deep energy savings or zero net site energy project.

Q. Are incentives available to CUNY institutions?

A. CUNY institutions do not pay into the System Benefits Charge (SBC) therefore they do not qualify for incentives that are provided by NYSERDA in the CFA (All five programs in the CFA are supported by the SBC). CUNY facilities could however be eligible for programs that are supported by Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds. For more information on those programs, please refer to [NYSERDA's website](#) for more details.

Q. Who is eligible?

A. The energy efficiency programs in the CFA each have different eligibility requirements. Please refer to [NYSERDA's website](#) for more details concerning each program's eligibility requirements.

Q. What is the systems benefits charge?

A. In 1996, the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) called for the establishment of a System Benefits Charge (SBC) to fund public policy initiatives not expected to be adequately addressed by New York's competitive electricity markets. In 1998, the PSC specified SBC funding levels for three years and the framework for energy programs targeting efficiency measures, research and development and the low-income sector. The SBC was renewed for a five year period in 2001 with increased funding and additional focus on programs designed to achieve peak load reductions.

In December 2005, the PSC extended the SBC program or SBC III for an additional five year period (7/1/2006-6/30/2011) with an annual funding level of \$175 million. The previous SBC funding level was approximately \$150 million annually.

In October 2011, the PSC extended to SBC program for another five-year period (1/1/12-12/31/16) with an annual average budget of \$98.8 million.

Q. Will there be loan rate changes?

A. The current energy efficiency programs in the CFA are not tied to loan rates. Please refer to [NYSERDA's website](#) for more details concerning about possible load programs.

Q. Is the Industrial and Process Efficiency Program a reimbursement program?

A. Yes. Manufacturing Facilities and Data Centers (new construction and existing facilities) can apply for electricity and fossil fuel saving incentives. Please visit their website at <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Industrial-and-Process-Efficiency> for more information.