

DESEU Supports Energy Efficiency Investment Fund Grants for Municipal and County Governments

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DNREC's Division of Energy & Climate with the support of the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility announced the relaunch of the Energy Efficiency Investment Fund (EEIF) grant program. The DESEU Board budgeted an additional \$1 million to support energy efficiency measures for nonprofits and now local governments. The grant program is administered through DNREC's Division of Energy & Climate and is funded through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multistate program designed to reduce greenhouse gases from the energy sector.

For fiscal year 2016, the program has expanded to include municipal and county governments, who were previously ineligible. Total available funding businesses, non-profits, and local governments are now \$5 million.

Several new changes to the program are proposed for the coming program year which includes:

- Improved incentives for energy efficiency measures that go beyond existing building/energy codes
- Better alignment of program incentives with the current lighting market
- Quicker turnaround between submission and review of applications

The EEIF was established in 2011 to help Delaware businesses and nonprofits make strategic investments in capital equipment and facility upgrades to decrease operating costs through reduced energy consumption and improved environmental performance.

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For more information on EEIF, please visit

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/information/otherinfo/Pages/EnergyEfficiencyInvestmentFund.aspx>

Delaware's Sustainable Energy Utility (DESEU) is a unique nonprofit organization created by the State of Delaware to foster a sustainable energy future for the state. The SEU's EnergizeDelaware programs are committed to helping Delaware residents, businesses and non-profits save energy and money by increasing the energy efficiency of their facilities.