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Energy Partnership Program

Start Saving Now by Reducing Your Energy Usage!

As budgets are shrinking, costs for operations keep going up. One way to save money is by reducing your energy costs.

The Energy Partnership Program can help!

The Energy Partnership Program offers services to help identify the most cost-effective energy saving opportunities for your facilities.

Who is Eligible?

- Cities
- Counties
- Special districts
- Public hospitals
- Public care facilities

NOTE: Community Colleges seeking assistance under California Clean Energy Jobs /Prop 39 may now apply for technical assistance under the [Bright Schools Program](#).

Existing Facilities

With an energy audit of your facilities, the Energy Partnership Program can identify energy saving projects. The Energy Partnership Program can:

- Conduct energy audits and prepare feasibility studies.
- Review existing proposals and designs.
- Develop equipment performance specifications.
- Review equipment bid specifications.
- Assist with contractor selection.
- Review commissioning plans.

New Construction

Facilities built with energy efficient designs cost less to operate. That means continuous savings from the first day of operation! It is possible to reduce energy consumption significantly below the state's minimum building efficiency standard (Title 24). The Energy Partnership Program provides technical assistance to your architectural and engineering team early in the design phase, before the plans are finalized.

Here are some ways we can help with new construction

- Provide design review consultation.
- Identify cost-effective, energy-saving measures.

Program Information

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Frequently Asked Questions

Contact Us

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- Compare different technologies.
- Review schematics and construction plans.
- Provide equipment specification consultation.
- Develop computer simulation models of your planned project.
- Help select experienced professionals with energy efficiency expertise.
- Assist with system commissioning.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost to participate in the Energy Partnership Program?

In most cases, there is no cost to participate in the program. We provide technical assistance services up to \$20,000 of our consultant's costs. The cost of a study depends on the facility size, type and scope of the project. If the cost of the study exceeds \$20,000, the applicant may opt to share in the cost or reduce the scope. We contract with experienced engineering and architectural consultants who provide the technical assistance.

When is my application due?

The Energy Partnership Program is a continuously open program with no final filing date. However, program funds are limited, so filing promptly will help increase your chance of receiving assistance. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

How will you evaluate my application?

Before receiving assistance, applicants must meet the following program selection criteria: commitment to implementing energy efficiency recommendations, high energy cost per square footage, and potential for energy savings. The application and Governing Board Resolution must indicate how you plan to fund the recommended energy efficiency project recommendations.

What if I need funding for my energy saving projects?

You can apply for a low interest loan from the Energy Commission. Loans are available at competitive rates for public agencies. For more information, go to www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/.

The Application Process

How do I apply for technical assistance?

1. Complete the Technical Assistance Application. (updated: July 16, 2014)
 - [Download Interactive Word Application](#)
 - or
 - [Download PDF Application](#)
2. Complete Governing Board Resolution. The Energy Commission must have a resolution from your governing board before providing technical assistance. The Energy Partnership Program sample resolution is available in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) or as an interactive Word Document.
 - [Download Interactive EPP Resolution in Word format](#)
 - or
 - [Download EPP Resolution PDF file](#)
3. Provide Supplemental information. For all buildings or facilities that you are requesting assistance for, provide supplemental information, such as:
 - Latest 12 months of gas and electric utility bills or provide a utility data release form allowing the CA Energy Commission to view 12 months of historical billing / energy usage data.
 - Past energy studies.
 - Preliminary plans or proposals.
4. Mail your application, governing board resolution, and supplemental information to:

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