

# State and Local Energy Incentives Workshop

## Resource Guide

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# Workshop Takeaways

## State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Incentives

- **Preliminary Energy Assessments (PEAs)**
  - Free preliminary energy assessments which detail recommendations for cost effective efficiency measures to reduce utility consumption/costs
  - Eligible entities: municipal and county governments, independent school districts, county hospitals, port authorities, major airports, public water authorities and municipally owned utilities.
  - Includes
    - Analysis of utility bills
    - Recommended maintenance procedures
    - Onsite training for maintenance staff
    - Follow up visits to assist with implementation of recommendations
    - Development of an energy management policy
    - Facility benchmarking
- **Technical Assistance for Local Governments**
  - Free for cities, counties, towns, and other special-purpose districts such as port and transit authorities and airports in Texas
  - Third party engineering firm offers a variety of services including but not limited to
    - ENERGY STAR Certification
    - Improve Maintenance and Operations
    - Lighting Upgrades
    - HVAC/Chiller/Boiler Updates
    - Feasibility Studies/Assessments
- **LoanSTAR Revolving Loan Fund (open within 6 months)**
  - Low interest, reimbursement-based loans for public entities to complete energy efficiency projects
    - Interest rate usually between 1.5%-3%
    - Payback of 15 years or less
    - Repayment period starts after construction is completed
  - Loans based on Utility Cost Reduction Measures (UCRMs)

- Dollars saved from UCRMs pay for the loan
- Eligible Entities
  - Local and County Governments
  - Public K-12 Schools
  - Public Universities
  - State Agencies
- **HOMES Program (Coming Soon)**
  - Provides incentives for whole-home energy efficiency retrofits in both single-family and multifamily dwelling units
  - \$345 million in funding
- **HEARS Program (Coming Soon)**
  - An energy efficient appliance rebate program for low- or moderate-income households
  - \$344 million in funding

### **Local Energy Incentives**

- **CPS Energy Commercial Solutions, SCORE, and CitySmart Programs**
  - Eligible Entities (Must be a CPS Energy Customer)
    - Small Business
    - Civic & Government
    - Educational Institutions
    - Commercial & Industrial
  - Provides rebates for eligible high efficiency upgrades such as lighting, HVAC, refrigeration measures, air infiltration measures, variable frequency drivers (VFD's), and other measures for retrofit and new construction

<b>Commercial Solutions, SCORE® and CitySmart® Programs</b>		
Lighting incentives: up to <b>60 percent</b> of project costs		
Non-lighting incentives: up to <b>75 percent</b> of project costs		
<b>Lighting—LED interior</b>	\$325/kW	\$0.05/kWh
<b>Lighting—LED exterior</b>	\$250/kW	\$0.05/kWh
<b>Lighting—non-LED</b>	\$200/kW	\$0.03/kWh
<b>HVAC—chiller</b>	\$525/kW	\$0.05/kWh
<b>HVAC—DX or controls</b>	\$350/kW	\$0.05/kWh
<b>Building envelope—general</b>	\$200/kW	\$0.03/kWh
<b>Refrigeration—general</b>	\$200/kW	\$0.03/kWh
<b>Custom/other</b>	\$200/kW	\$0.05/kWh

- Offers technical assistance to help identify and evaluate ideal energy savings opportunities
- Communications support to publicize energy efficiency accomplishments
- **CPS Energy Building Optimization Program**
  - Focuses on low-cost and no-cost improvements that won't require detailed engineering analysis
  - Typical Projects: scheduling programmable thermostats, adjusting ventilation, economizers, etc.
  - Program can cover 100% of project cost. Amounts are \$200 per kW and \$0.05 per kWh saved, capping at project cost
- **New Construction Rebates**
  - Rebates are available for LED lighting, HVAC equipment, and more
  - Must be new construction or a major renovation of existing space
- **Discount Lighting Program**
  - Rebate at purchase of energy efficient lighting from local bulb distributors
    - Incentives range from \$0.50 to \$250 depending on the bulb
    - Check eligible distributors [here](#)
  - Install your own bulbs
  - No paperwork required, only commercial utility bill
- **High Performance Tune Up Program**
  - Measure indoor airflow and correct if needed
  - Inspect filter and change if needed
  - Inspect and clean outdoor and indoor condenser coils and blowers
- **Strategic Energy Management (SEM) Program**
  - SEM is a long-term approach to energy efficiency that includes setting goals, tracking progress, and reporting results
  - Focuses on Low/No Cost solutions to becoming more energy efficient
  - Offers collaborative group workshops, one on one coaching, and technical/engineering services
  - Program Timeline
    - **Energy Benchmarking:** Identify starting point/measure overall performance from energy bills
    - **Energy Master Planning Workshop:** Identifies staff energy awareness level, identify short term/long term goals, and explore avenues of funding

- **Strategic Energy Management:** Train staff to address energy challenges/increase awareness, explore best practices, pursue upgrades/retrofits

# Resources

- **State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)**
  - [Funding Opportunities Webpage](#)
  - [Sign up](#) for SECO updates on LoanSTAR fund availability and requests for applications for the HOMES/HEARS programs
- **CLEAResult**
  - CLEAResult is the largest energy efficiency program consultant in North America. They partner locally with CPS to help connect customers with incentive programs and customized energy efficiency solutions.
  - Explore CPS incentives for
    - [Local Governments](#)
    - [Educational Institutions](#)
    - [Commercial Buildings](#)
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