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The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation invests in clean energy development and land preservation efforts, working with communities and residents to improve environmental quality in Illinois.

*The Foundation funds projects in three core program areas: improving **energy efficiency**, developing **renewable energy** resources, and preserving and enhancing **natural areas** and wildlife habitat throughout Illinois.*

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The Foundation's web site – www.IllinoisCleanEnergy.org – has other useful information for organizations seeking funding, including lists of past grants awarded, more information on the grant application process and announcements about new program initiatives that may be launched during 2008. It also has information on other grants for which colleges and universities may apply, such as funding for energy efficient design of new or substantially renovated facilities or for installation of solar or wind power generation systems.



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**2008 Energy Efficient Lighting
Upgrade Grant Program for**



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2008 ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING UPGRADE GRANT PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What are the benefits of upgrading to efficient lighting systems?

- Improve lighting quality in the classroom for students and educators;
- Reduce operating and maintenance expenses; and
- Save energy, leading to less pollution in Illinois communities.

Who is eligible to apply for a grant through this program?

Public and non-profit colleges and universities in Illinois with campuses serving at least 400 full-time undergraduates may apply for funding through this program.

Have other colleges received funding through this program?

Yes. Over the last four years, more than 70 colleges and universities throughout Illinois have applied for grants to upgrade to energy efficient lighting. The Foundation has awarded 88 such grants, resulting in more than 300 college and university buildings getting new, high efficiency lighting. These grants total \$7.2 million.

Is this program ending in 2008?

No. This program for colleges and universities will continue at least through 2008. How long the program continues is dependent, in part, on the demand is for it in light of other pressing needs for funding to demonstrate the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy in facilities serving Illinois communities.



What work can be paid for with these grants?

These grants may pay for energy-saving upgrades to the lamps, ballasts, fixtures and/or controls in existing **indoor** lighting systems.

- **Types of equipment:** Common eligible upgrades include replacement of T12 fluorescent lamps and magnetic ballasts with T8 or T5 lamps and electronic ballasts, replacement of high bay gym luminaires, and replacement of exit light fixtures with LED units. Replacement of incandescent bulbs with screw-in compact fluorescent lamps is **not** an eligible upgrade.
- **Types of buildings:** Teaching and research facilities on campuses serving at least 400 full-time undergraduates are eligible. Dormitories, dining halls, and intercollegiate athletic facilities are **not** eligible.
- **New upgrade projects only:** Lighting upgrade projects may be no further along than the lighting evaluation and design stage. Projects where installation is underway or complete do **not** qualify for this program.

How is the size of the grant award determined?

Grants are **up to \$600 per kilowatt (kW)** or 60¢ per Watt of reduction in electricity demand that the lighting upgrade, **as installed**, yields. Grants will be limited to:

- No more than \$250,000 per year for any one campus; and
- No more than \$500,000 per year for any one college or university.

When are grants paid, and what is the exact amount?

After a college's grant request has been approved by the Foundation and it signs the formal agreement accepting the grant, it may proceed with installation of the lighting upgrade. The grant will be paid by the Foundation to the college **after the installation is completed** and the work has been accepted as satisfactory through submission of a brief final report of the project. **The exact amount of the grant payment is based on the actual electricity demand reduction achieved through the completed lighting upgrade.**

Are grant recipients required to use specific vendors?

No. Grant recipients exercise complete control over the process of selecting any vendors, contractors or consultants involved in the lighting upgrade project.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

How does a college or university apply for a grant?

The college or university completes and submits an **application form** along with the supporting documentation listed on that form by **February 15, 2008**. Requests for college lighting upgrade grants must be submitted on the Foundation's application form and **must** include all required attachments.

Where can one get an application form or ask questions?

Application forms may be downloaded and printed from the Foundation's web site: www.IllinoisCleanEnergy.org. You may also request an application form or ask questions by calling the Foundation at (312) 372-5191.

What is the deadline to apply?

February 15, 2008. All eligible, complete requests for the college lighting upgrade grants will be reviewed by the Foundation as a group. To be considered in 2008, complete applications for school lighting grants must be received by the Foundation **no later than close of business on Friday, February 15.**

What is the timing for grant decisions and project installations?

Grant decisions will be made in **May 2008** and installation of lighting upgrades may take place anytime after you are notified of receipt of grant.

Will all grant requests be approved?

No. This is a competitive process and a limited amount of funds are available for this program. The Foundation may receive more college lighting upgrade grant requests than it can accommodate. If that occurs, the Foundation will give preference to cost-effective projects that achieve high levels of permanent electricity demand reduction per dollar granted.

Can a college or university re-apply?

Yes. Colleges that applied for a lighting upgrade grant in previous years but did not receive one are encouraged to re-apply in 2008 if they have not yet upgraded their lighting. Colleges that have previously received a lighting upgrade grant may apply again in 2008 for additional lighting upgrades, but should be aware that preference may be given to applicants that have not yet received a lighting upgrade grant from the Foundation.