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## 2008 Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrade Grant Program for



(Massac County Courthouse in Metropolis)

## Historic County Courthouses

# 2008 ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING UPGRADE GRANT PROGRAM FOR HISTORIC COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUILDINGS

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

### Is this a new Foundation program?

**Yes.** Starting in 2008, the Foundation will offer a new program for lighting upgrades in historic county courthouse buildings. This program was developed with the encouragement and endorsement of the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners. The Foundation is grateful for IACBM's assistance.

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

County governments and 501(c)3 organizations that own and operate historic county courthouse buildings may apply for funding through this program.

### What types of buildings are eligible for lighting upgrades?

County courthouses designated as historic by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency or other government agency (e.g., local landmark commission or U.S. Department of Interior).

### What are the benefits of upgrading to efficient lighting systems?

- Improved lighting quality in the historic courthouse;
- Reduce operating and maintenance expenses; and
- Save energy, leading to less pollution in Illinois communities.



### What work can be paid for with these grants?

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

- **Types of equipment:** A common eligible upgrade is replacement of T12 fluorescent lamps and magnetic ballasts with T8 or T5 lamps and electronic ballasts, as well as retrofitting the lamps in exit lighting with LED arrays. Replacement of incandescent lamps with screw-in compact fluorescent lamps in non-permanent fixtures is not an eligible upgrade.
- **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.

### When are grants paid?

After a grant request has been approved by the Foundation and grantee signs the formal grant agreement accepting the grant, the grantee may proceed with installation of the lighting upgrade. The grant will be paid by the Foundation to the grantee **after the installation is completed** and the work has been formally accepted by the grantee as satisfactory.

### How is the size of the grant determined?

Grants are **up to \$700 per kilowatt (kW)** or 70¢ per Watt of reduction in electricity demand that the lighting upgrade, **as installed**, yields. Grants will be limited to:

- No more than \$40,000 for any one historic courthouse building.

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 to apply for a grant?

A county government completes and submits an application form along with the supporting documentation listed on that form by **March 14, 2008**. Requests for historic county courthouse 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 website: **www.IllinoisCleanEnergy.org** or the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners website: **www.ilcounty.org**. You may also request an application form or ask questions by calling the Foundation at (312) 372-5191 or Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners at (217) 528-5331.

### What is the deadline to apply?

**March 14, 2008.** All eligible, complete requests for historic county lighting upgrade grants will be reviewed by the Foundation as a group. To be considered in 2008, complete applications for historic courthouse lighting grant applicants **must** be received by the Foundation **no later than close of business on Friday, March 14, 2008**.

### 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 historic county courthouse 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.