



# Illinois Clean Energy

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## Capacity Building

### Funding Guidelines

[Does the Foundation support operating expenses?](#)

**No.** The Foundation does not offer assistance with re-occurring operational expenses under the Capacity Building program or any of its Natural Areas Funding Categories.

[Does the Foundation award follow-up grants under the Capacity Building Funding Category?](#)

**No.** Grantee organizations should be ready to begin protecting land (whether through outright acquisition or the acceptance or purchase of conservation easements) at the conclusion of a capacity building grant project. If your organization is more than two years out from protecting land or would need more than the maximum level of support considered under this Funding Category, which is \$40,000, it may not be ready to apply for a Capacity Building grant.

[Does the Foundation require a match to be considered for support under the Capacity Building Funding Category?](#)

**No.** However, your organization's request may be more competitive as compared to other grant request if the Foundation's grant would not be the only source of funds for the project.