

Office of Central Services
Sustainable Energy
ENERGY STAR Green Leasing and Certification Grant
COVID-19 NOTICE

I. GRANT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND - ENERGY STAR certified buildings save energy, save money, and help protect the environment by generating fewer greenhouse gas emissions than comparable buildings. Further, a building's energy usage and efficiency are increasingly becoming factors to attract new, and to retain existing, tenants. ENERGY STAR certification can help to increase a building's value, and generate more income when compared to similar buildings.

GOALS - The ENERGY STAR Certification and Green Leasing Grant seeks to increase the number of ENERGY STAR certified buildings, and encourage the adoption of green-leasing practices within Prince George's County. This effort will help support the County's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and attract and retain high-valued tenants in the county.

OBJECTIVES - Grant funds are available to assist commercial buildings (*office and multifamily housing*) with ENERGY STAR certification. Funds can be used to offset the costs of electric energy-efficiency, water-efficiency, natural gas and retrofitting measures, and for professional services required to achieve ENERGY STAR Certification. Buildings receiving funding from the ENERGY STAR Certification and Green Leasing Grant are required to maintain certification for at least three (3) years, and to adopt green leasing practices that align the interests of property owners and tenants so that they are both motivated to engage in energy efficient actions for buildings.

AVAILABLE INCENTIVES - Maximum grant award available per application: \$150,000

1. The following incentives are available to qualified applicants: Of the \$150,000, if required, up to \$50,000 will cover the ASHRAE Level 2 Audit and shall not exceed this amount.
2. Grant awards to cover up to \$100,000 for Electric and or Natural Gas measures.
3. Grant awards to cover up to \$150,000 for Electric and or Natural Gas measures, if ASHRAE Level 2 Audit is not required.
4. Grant awards to offset 100% of the cost of the Licensed Professional's sign off to verify and stamp the ENERGY STAR certification application. This cost will be inclusive of the \$150,000 grant amount.

III. COVID-19 LIABILITY STATEMENT

Due to the 2019-2020 outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Office of Central Services, Sustainable Energy is taking extra precautions to ensure a healthy and safe working environment for every applicant/contractor participating in our energy grant.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include but not limited to:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Dry Cough
- Difficulty Breathing

As an applicant/contractor, you agree to the following:

- I understand the above symptoms and affirm that I, as well as all contractors, do not currently have, nor have experienced the symptoms listed above within the last 14 days;
- I affirm that I, as well as all contractors, have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 30 days;
- I affirm that I, as well as all contractors, have not knowingly been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 30 days;

- I affirm that I, as well as all contractors, have not traveled outside of the country or to any city considered to be a “hot spot” for COVID-19 infections within the past 30-days; and
- I understand that Prince George’s County Office of Central Services Sustainable Energy cannot be held liable for any exposure to the COVID-19 virus caused by misinformation on this form or the health history provided by each applicant/contractor.

Personal Protective Equipment: PPE is mandatory 100% of the time at 100% of job sites. All technicians are to wear face coverings and gloves at all times during their workday.

Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/using-ppe.html>

Strict physical distancing: During site work, the contractor will follow strict physical distancing of at least six feet, or, customers can make accommodations to not be on site at the same time as the install.

Limiting people at job site: Contractors should look for opportunities to limit the number of employees at a job site and number of people inside the building at a given time. Crews will work in separate spaces maintaining physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.

What Construction Workers/Contractors Need to Know about COVID-19?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/construction-workers.html>

You can view PEPCO’s COVID-19 statement on their website: <https://cienergyefficiency.pepco.com/>.

By signing below, I agree to each statement above and release Prince George’s County Office of Central Services Sustainable Energy from any and all liability for unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

IV. APPLICANT INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES

APPLICANT	CONTRACTOR
<input type="checkbox"/> By signing this form, I agree to all of the Terms and Conditions in this agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> By signing this form, I agree to all of the Terms and Conditions in this agreement
Customer Signature:	Contractor Signature:
Print Name:	Print Name:
Address:	
Date:	Date:
Email	Contractor’s Name:
Pepco Account Number	
Washington Gas Account Number:	

For questions about the grant application process and procedures, call our Office at 301-883-6450 or email us: EnergyStarCGL@co.pg.md.us 7/31/2020