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	EGLE's MI Brightfields Pilot	MPSC's Renewable Energy & Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement & Development Grant	EGLE's Community Energy Management (CEM) Program	EGLE's Agricultural Business Energy Incentive Program
Eligible Projects/ Technologies	**Renewable energy** on sites of enviro. contamination (Part 201, 213, etc.). Applicant does not have to own the site or the energy property. Projects on multiple parcels must be contiguous. Site cannot be a condemned site. Grant may cover preliminary or interconnection studies, site preparation, energy infrastructure costs, soft costs (e.g., grant admin) and brownfield activities that are only necessary for the clean energy project.	Planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing **renewable energy** and electrification infrastructure projects.	A range of energy-related projects such as, but not limited to, energy management, energy efficiency, renewable energy, EV charging infrastructure, sustainable financing solutions, and/or clean energy workforce development. ***Renewable energy projects will only be considered after all, or a majority of, energy efficiency upgrades have been completed as identified in an ASHRAE Level II audit.**	Energy efficiency, **renewable energy**, electrification, and other innovative projects.
Eligible Tax-Exempt Entities	Local or tribal units of government; agencies and entities that have been created and are controlled by a local or tribal unit of government (public library system, EDC, Airport Authority, Transit Authority, Brownfield Redev. Authority, etc.).	Businesses, nonprofit organizations, units of local and state government and Tribal governments	Local and Tribal Governments	Any agriculture, or related, entity with less than 500 employees worldwide and physically located in Michigan. Non-profits may include community gardens
RFP Opening	11/2/2026	11/2/2026	11/23/2026	Fall 2026
Application Deadline	12/13/2026; second round opens in Spring 2027	1/13/2027	Until Funds Committed, or 12/18/26, (whichever comes first)	TBD
Award Amount	$10,000,000 total available across all awards. Up to $2M per grant award. Quarterly reimbursement, must comply with prevailing wage laws and BABA. Priority given to low income/disadvantaged communities; replicable/scalable projects; if it leverages additional funding (like EP credits); and projects that generate additional community/enviro benefits.	$4,875,000 total available across all awards	Min $5,000 / Max $50,000 ($950,000 available total). This is a reimbursement grant for contractual services, supplies, materials and equipment.	$50,000 maximum award
Required Match	None	TBD	None	100%
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Program Name	EGLE's Low-Income & Disadvantaged Communities Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	Solar Moonshot Grant	Rural Climate Partnership	MDARD's Rural Development Fund
Eligible Projects/ Technologies	Activities supporting deployment of **renewable energy** projects; final eligible activities TBD.	**Solar** projects	**Any type of clean energy project**	**Infrastructure projects related to** transportation, water, wastewater, **energy**, and communications. The project must be located in, or serve, an area defined as rural by a state or federal agency.
Eligible Tax-Exempt Entities	Local governments are a key audience under development; final eligible applicants TBD in the RFP.	Non-profits only. Grant priority is given to solar projects that have additional funding sources, projects located in Communities of Concern, projects serving youth and schools. Not accepting applications for houses of worship or religious organizations.	Nonprofits, public agencies, religious organizations or tribal governments with rural leadership, based in rural communities, and directly serving or targeting rural areas, small towns and small cities under 50-thousand across the United States, prioritizing communities with a population density under 10,000 people.	Local and tribal units of government, nonprofits, educational institutions, regional planning agencies and economic or workforce development organizations.
RFP Opening	TBD	NA	NA	Annually - Letter of Intent submission open in month of October
Application Deadline	TBD	NA	NA	Annually around Nov. 1 - LOI due. Full Application open early Dec., closes mid-Jan.
Award Amount	$5 million budgeted for participant support costs.	Up to $25,000	$20,000 to $100,000	Category 1: Community and Business Development Applicants may request up to $100,000, with no minimum request amount.
Required Match	TBD	?	?	20% of requested grant amount
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Website	https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/climate-and-energy/mi-healthy-climate-plan/funding/cprg	https://www.hcs.foundation/solar-moonshot-program	https://ruralclimate.org/grantmaking/	https://www.michigan.gov/leo/boa rds-comms-councils/rural-development-fund-board/rural-development-fund-grants

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	Michigan Saves Tax Credit Bridge Financing	Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Financing	EGLE's Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (EERLF) Loans	Solar Moonshot Program	RE-Volv	Solar Faithful
Eligible Projects / Technologies	**Battery storage** **Geothermal heat pumps** **Solar PV**	**Solar PV & Renewable Energy**, energy efficiency upgrades, HVAC & mechanical systems, roofing & insulation, LED lighting & controls, stormwater & resilience, water conservation systems, EV charging infrastructure, and mitigation of environmental contamination.	Energy audits, energy efficiency upgrades and **retrofits of building infrastructure**. Objectives for the program include maximizing loan volume and leveraging private capital, accelerating and maximizing energy savings, and creating good paying jobs.	Energy efficiency, **renewable energy**, electrification, and other innovative projects.	**Solar** projects	**Solar** projects
Eligible Tax-Exempt Entities	Facilities owned or operated by tax-exempt organizations (e.g., 501(c)3s; local, state, and tribal governments; and public school districts) eligible for direct pay tax credits under the IRA	A private, non-profit entity that owns a commercial, industrial, mixed-use, multifamily, house of worship, or hospitality property. In NW MI, the property must be located in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, or Leelanau County, or in Clearwater Township in Kalkaska County.	Commercial entities (e.g. municipalities, non-profits) that conduct the majority of their business in Michigan.	Non-profits only. Priority is given to solar projects that have additional funding sources, projects located in Communities of Concern, projects serving youth and schools. Not accepting applications for houses of worship or religious organizations.	Non-profits	Religious organizations, schools, congregations
RFP Opening	N/A	N/A	Fall 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A
Application Deadline	N/A	N/A	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A
Financing Amount and Terms	Minimum: $20,000. Maximum: $250,000. Term: Upon receipt of direct pay credits. Maximum term: 24 months.	100% project financing available. Terms up to 25 years. The PACE special assessment is non-recourse and "runs with the land." The owner can sell the property and the new owner simply picks up the payments (and energy savings). The C-PACE assessment on the property fills 15-30% of the capital stack gap for the project.	TBD	Short-term, low-interest recoverable loans to help cover the project costs offset by the Investment Tax Credit.	Solar Loan: $0 down.	If entity purchases directly from Solar Faithful, they can connect the organization with lenders. Also have a 5-year pre-paid agreement or a 25 year energy-shared savings agreement.
Interest Rate	3.99%	A fixed interest rate, TBD.				
Fees/Expenses	1% origination fee. $250 documentation fee.	No upfront cost to property owner				
Repayment	Interest only; principal repaid upon receipt of direct pay credits.	Property owners pay off their PACE loans through a voluntary special assessment on their property taxes. Non-profit owners pass a resolution to utilize the PACE tax assessment, since they don't have to pay regular property taxes. The property owner receives their PACE tax assessment based on their regular property tax schedule.		Monthly payments	Monthly payments	
Collateral	Proceeds from direct pay tax credits for financed project as set forth in loan agreement and a UCC filing on the equipment.	No personal guarantee required.				
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Website	https://michigansaves.org/bridge-financing/	https://www.leanandgreenmi.com/	https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/materials-management/energy/rfps-loans/energy-revolving-fund/loans	https://www.hcs.foundation/solar-moonshot-program	https://re-volv.org/	https://solarfaithful.org/

Free Technical Assistance for Clean Energy Projects (last edited 11/23/26)

	MGC/EGLE/MML's Local Government Clean Energy Predevelopment Assistance	Michigan Energy Options	Municipal Solar Partners	MSU Industrial Training and Assessment Center
Eligible Entities	Local governments	Any EP eligible entity	Public entities (governments, tribes, school districts, etc.)	Annual energy bills: $100K to $3.5M • Annual sales of up to $250M • Fewer than 500 employees per site • No in-house energy professional on staff Manufacturing Facilities • SIC code 20 - 39 / NAICS 31 – 33 Commercial Buildings • Area below 100,000 sq ft • Energy bill above $50,000 (excluding water) Wastewater Plants • NAICS 22, Size limit of 3-10 million gallons per day
Pro Bono Services	**For solar and battery projects:** Feasibility evaluation for solar energy and/or battery energy storage projects on public sites Customized feasibility plans & project scoping guidance Technical expertise to assess project size, technology options, costs, and funding/financing options Community engagement funding and support	Project **scoping services for solar projects**. Help understand ROI/feasibility, financial & energy modeling (payback scenarios); review proposals and other feasibility studies. Write RFPs to get competitive bids for solar projects.	Phase 1 and 2 **solar project pre-development services**, including initial site ID and feasibility analysis, early engineering design, coordination of utility interconnection application, and an early project CBA. Large and small-scale solar projects.	MSU ITAC team will conduct a one-day site visit after a pre-assessment and utility data are received. **Recommendations for energy, waste, and production cost reductions** are expected within two months. ITAC clients are required to participate in a follow-up survey and must be willing to have their company's name listed as a program participant.
Assistance Ends	Fall 2026/Winter 2027 – Local governments express interest in program and begin onboarding Winter 2027/Spring 2027 – Local governments receive technical support with project feasibility and scoping Spring 2027/Summer 2027 – Local governments receive participation & community engagement stipend and complete community engagement efforts	10/1/2027	Entities must apply to be part of MSP's cohort program for assistance. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.	
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