National and State Funding Opportunities

Incentives and Tax Credits

Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy (DSIRE)
This site includes a Michigan Incentives for Renewable Energy page, a page highlighting many Federal Incentives for Renewable Energy, and a Financial Incentives summary table for all states and the federal government.
http://www.dsireusa.org/

Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency
These credits are available for consumers, homebuilders, appliance manufacturers, and commercial buildings.
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits#s8

Biofuel Infrastructure Grant Incentive Program
The Clean Energy Coalition’s Biofuel Infrastructure Grant Incentive Program provides funds to Michigan public service stations to install or convert fuel delivery systems to sell high blend ethanol E85.
http://www.cec-mi.org/programs/big.htm

Department of Energy EERE Federal Incentives and Laws
(Alternative Fuels & Advanced Vehicles Data Center)
This database provides a comprehensive listing of state and federal laws & incentives related to alternative fuels, vehicles, air quality, fuel efficiency, and other transportation-related topics.
http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/incentives_laws.html

USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs

Section 9006 – Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program
The Section 9006 Grant Program provides funds for agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

Section 6401 - Value Added Producer Grants
Grants may be used for planning activities and for working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm

Section 9008- Biomass Research and Development Initiative
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development jointly solicit applications for financial assistance addressing research and development of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels and related processes.
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busf/9008.htm

Section 9006-Guaranteed Loan Program
The Guaranteed Loan Program encourages the commercial financing of renewable energy (bioenergy, geothermal, hydrogen, solar, and wind) and energy efficiency projects. Under the program, project developers will work with local lenders, who in turn can apply to USDA Rural Development for a loan guarantee up to 85 percent of the loan amount.
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busf/9006loan.htm
Other Grants and Funding Opportunities

Michigan Economic Development Corporation
List of numerous financial incentives available in MI, includes 21st Century Jobs Fund, MNEA, renewable energy renaissance zones, etc.

Department of Energy EERE Financial Opportunities
The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) works with business, industry, universities, and others to increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. One way EERE encourages the growth of these technologies is by offering financial assistance opportunities for their development and demonstration.
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/financing/

Department of Energy EERE Project Management Center
This site contains a listing of excellent resources for locating energy efficiency and renewable energy business opportunities.
https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/Business.aspx

Federal Grants
To find and apply for numerous grant programs offered by the federal government
www.grants.gov

Renewable Fuels Foundation
The RFF seeks to provide funding to universities and non-profit organizations, such as research consortiums, in the United States. Funded projects will focus directly on research, development and public policy with national implications.
http://www.renewablefuelsfoundation.org/grants/

Michigan Department of Environmental - Quality Pollution Prevention Loans
The Small Business P2 Loan Program provides funding for projects that: eliminate or reduce waste at the business location (source reduction), result in environmentally sound reuse and recycling for the loan applicant's generated wastes, conserve energy or water on-site, or are a qualified agricultural energy production system.
www.michigan.gov/deqp2loan

Michigan Public Service Commission – Low Income and Energy Efficiency Fund
The fund supports the implementation of energy-efficiency projects and renewable-energy projects in the state. Businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies and/or schools are eligible to apply.
http://www.michigan.gov/lieefund

Biomass Research and Development Initiative
The Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI) is a multi-agency effort to coordinate and accelerate all Federal biobased products and bioenergy research and development.
http://www.brdisolutions.com