



Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program

Michigan Company Cost Share Matching Funds for Federal Energy Technology Development Grant Programs

The U.S. Department of Energy, Department of Defense, Department of Transportation, and other federal entities routinely offer competitive matching grants for accelerating development of innovative energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. However, small businesses often have difficulty finding required cost share funds to even apply for such grants. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) is providing matching funds for eligible Michigan businesses to partially cover the cost share requirement under these federal energy technology development grant programs.

How much funding is available through EGLE for cost share support?

EGLE is making available approximately \$100,000 per year in matching funds as cost share support for eligible Michigan businesses to partially cover federal energy technology development grant program cost share requirements. Individual awards cannot exceed \$25,000 annually, and EGLE's commitment cannot exceed three (3) years. The maximum award is considered an up to amount and may be adjusted at the discretion of EGLE. Requests for cost share support are processed on a first come first serve basis. You may confirm EGLE is actively accepting Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program applications by emailing David Herb at herbd@michigan.gov.

What are EGLE cost share support matching requirements?

The EGLE requires a minimum 200 percent (2:1) match of the total requested cost share support, which may be in-kind. Other state funding is ineligible as match, and EGLE cost share expenses that are not allowable include food, travel, lodging, per diems, entertainment, indirect and expenses incurred outside the anticipated project grant agreement period.

Who is eligible for the EGLE cost share support?

For-profit businesses in Michigan, with 500 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees worldwide, that meet the federal energy technology development matching grant opportunity requirements are eligible to apply for the EGLE cost share support. Eligible Michigan companies must be in good standing with the State of Michigan and have the ability to enter into a grant agreement with EGLE. Any products embodying intellectual property developed with EGLE cost share support must be substantially manufactured in Michigan. Final determination as to eligibility will be at the discretion of the EGLE.

How do eligible Michigan companies apply for the EGLE cost share support?

Eligible Michigan companies interested in applying for the EGLE cost share support must use the [Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program Request for Information application](#). To be considered you must apply at least ten (10) business days before execution of the federal grant agreement for your federal energy development matching grant award. Applications received prior to the deadline will undergo a merit review process, with approved applicants receiving a Letter of Support (LOS) indicating the approximate EGLE cost share support for the company's project proposal. [Please note, only grant proposals directed to developing innovative energy efficient or renewable energy technologies will be considered.]

How to receive the Letter of Support for the federal grant proposal submission?

To include the EGLE Letter of Support (LOS) in the federal grant proposal submission, the eligible Michigan company must submit a completed Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program Request for Information application at least ten (10) business days before the federal energy development matching grant opportunity closing date.

How will Michigan companies receive their EGLE cost share support?

Companies that received a LOS for the EGLE cost share support will need to enter into a [grant agreement](#) with EGLE. The grant agreement process will be initiated when companies receive notification of award under the federal matching grant program. The grant agreement will be executed shortly after execution of the company's federal agreement. The signed federal agreement and finalized statement of work, budget, and cost share requirements, minus any proprietary information, are required sections of the EGLE grant agreement. On execution of the grant agreement, the EGLE cost share support is made available on a [cost reimbursement basis](#) using standardized EGLE progress and financial reporting practices. The grantee must incur the cost and EGLE will then reimburse the grantee for the [incurred cost](#) as required by all grant agreements.

What are the reporting obligations under the EGLE grant agreement?

Grantees are required to provide standardized bi-monthly or quarterly progress and financial reports as the cost reimbursement mechanism for incurred project expenditures. A copy of the approved federal final project report (minus all proprietary information), and two (2) annual follow-up surveys following conclusion of the grant agreement regarding continued development of the technology. Award recipients must file timely reports to remain eligible to participate in the program and are expected to accommodate reasonable requests by EGLE staff for brief site visits as appropriate. Interested applicants should review the EGLE grant agreement [template](#) for additional obligations.

Will the Letter of Support apply to other federal energy technology development matching grant opportunities?

No. A separate Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program application must be submitted for each federal energy technology development matching grant opportunity.

How can I get additional information?

General inquires can be emailed to David Herb at herbd@michigan.gov.

Click [here](#) to download the Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Project Request for Information application (Word version).