



Climate & Equitable Jobs Act

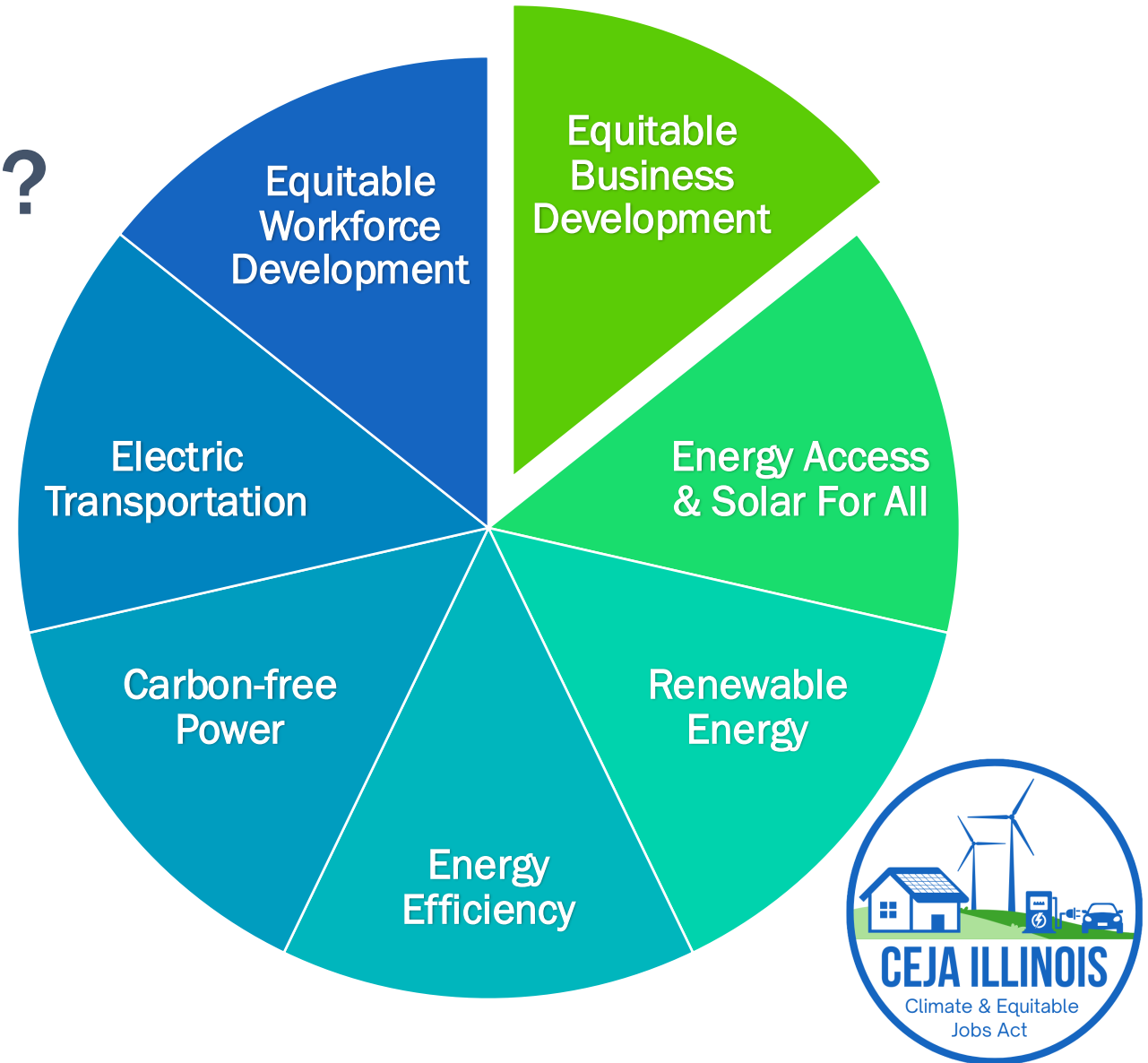
Workforce, Contractor, and Community Development Programs



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity
JB Pritzker, Governor

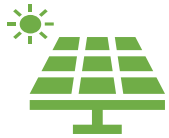
What is the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) ?

Comprehensive energy legislation that centers equity and puts Illinois on track to achieve 100 % renewable energy by 2050.



CEJA Workforce and Contractor Programs*

Economic Development Jobs & Environmental Justice (OEBU)



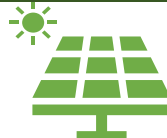
Coal to Solar



Energy Transition
Community Grant +
Zion \$40+M/yr



Equitable Energy
Future Grant
Up to \$25.5M/yr



Solar Energy
Sovereignty Grant
Up to \$8.5M

\$74M

Workforce training programs (OET)



Clean Jobs
Workforce Network
\$21M/yr.



Climate Works
Pre-apprenticeship
\$9M/yr



Returning Resident
Clean Jobs
\$6M/yr



FEJA
workforce
programs



Energy Transition
Navigators
\$6M/yr.



Energy Transition
Barrier Reduction
\$15M/yr

\$57M+

Contractor support programs (OEIT)



Contractor
Incubator
\$21M/yr.



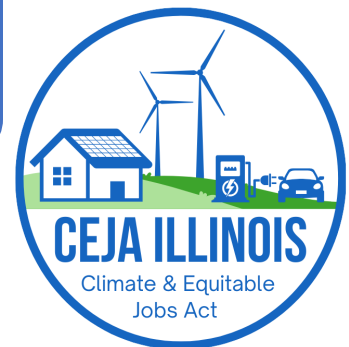
Contractor
Primes Accelerator
\$9M/yr.

\$30M+

Councils & Boards

- Energy Workforce Advisory Council
- Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund \$1M

* Each grant opportunity is awarded annually. Closed grants have awarded all available grants for the year, although some grantees may be open to additional partners. Please note that open grants may only be open for certain areas. Refer to [CEJA Updates & Program Status \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.illinois.gov/ceja/updates) for currently available grants and open areas.



14 Workforce Hubs/14 Navigators

13 Contractor Incubator & 3 Prime Accelerator Hubs

3 Regional Climate Works Pre-Apprenticeship Ctrs.

North

- Chicago West and Southwest
- Chicago South
- Joliet
- Kankakee
- Waukegan
- Aurora

Central

- Rockford
- Champaign
- Peoria
- Danville
- Decatur

South

- Alton
- East St. Louis
- Carbondale

Workforce Hubs / Contract Incubators

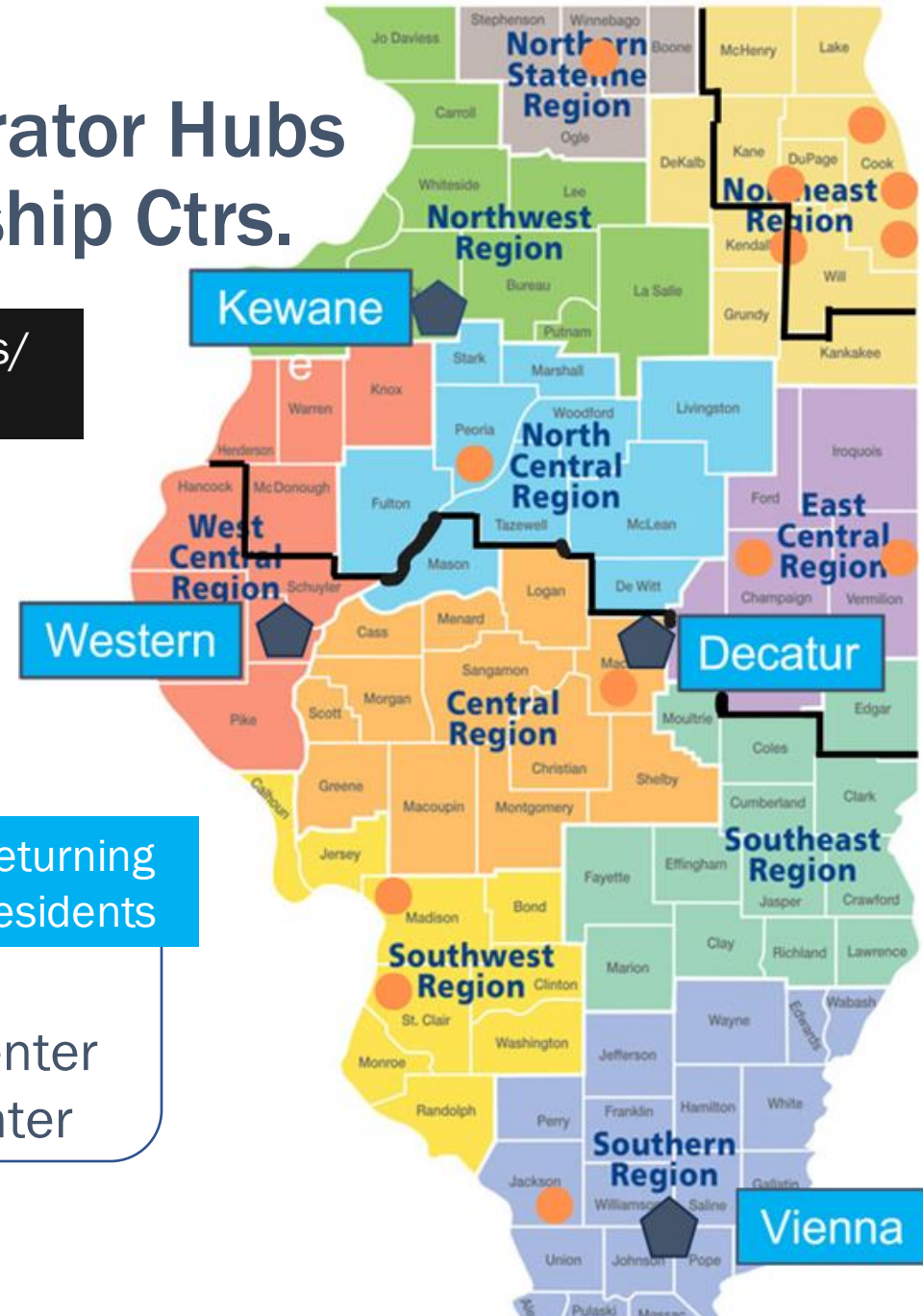
- Northern
- Central
- Southern

Climate Works/ Accelerator 3

- Kewanee
- Western Illinois
- Decatur Correctional Center
- Vienna Correctional Center

Returning Residents

Link to: [Current Grantees](#)



DCEO CEJA

- [CEJA Workforce Training Programs \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- [Contractor programs](#)
- [Community economic development programs](#)
- [Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois Act \(REV\)-Manufacturing](#)

Illinois Finance Authority

- [IL Climate Bank Finance \(CBF\)](#)
- [C-PACE](#)
- [GRID: muni. utility/rural coops, State Small Bus. Credit Initiative](#)
- [Charging & Fueling Infra.](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Reduction](#)
- [Solar For All/Energy Sovereignty Loan](#)

Illinois Dept. of Transportation

- [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#)
- [Carbon Reduction Program](#)
- [Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality](#)
- [Competitive Freight-Port Infrastructure](#)

Federal Programs

- [Ride and Drive Electric, IRA, Justice 40...and more](#)

Capital Develop Board

- [Stretch Goals](#)

Illinois Community College Board

- [IAC Program: Clean Energy Build/Manufacturing Workforce](#)

Illinois Power Agency

- [Illinois Shines](#)
- [IL Solar For All](#)
- [Energy Equity Portal: Min. Equity Standard](#)
- [Utility Scale Procurement](#)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

- [Energy Codes Training](#)
- [EE Trust Fund](#)
- [Electric Vehicle Rebate](#)
- [Electric School Bus](#)
- [Energy Assessments](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Variety](#)
- [EE Contractor Training](#)

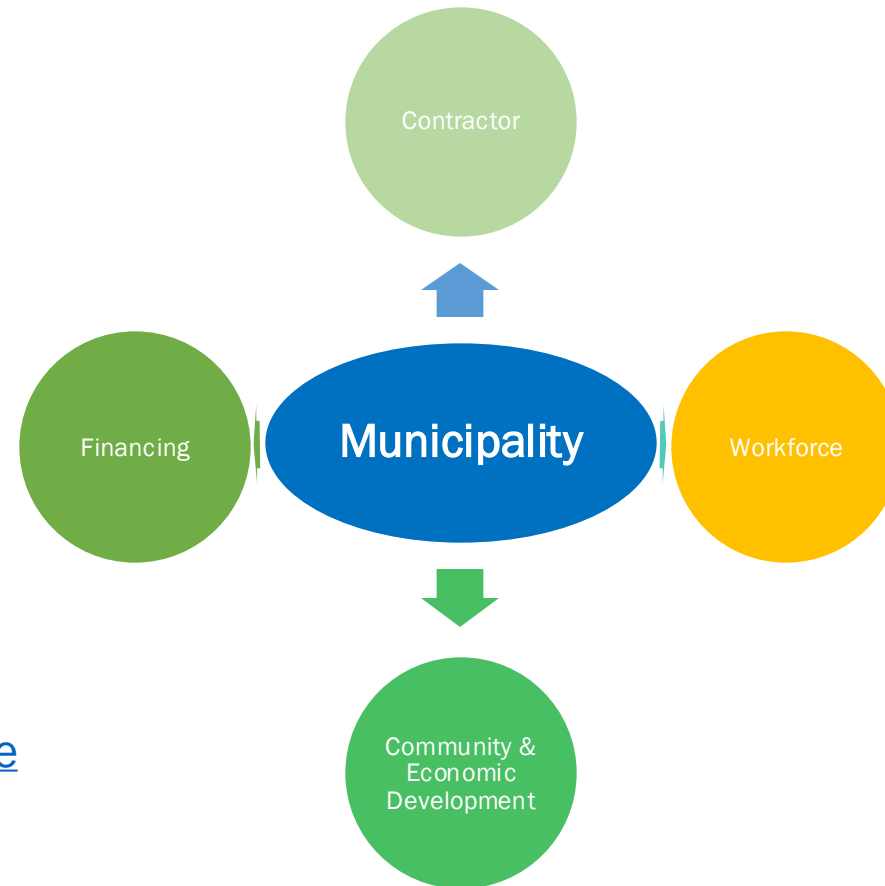
Illinois Commerce Commission

- [Equitable Energy Upgrade Program \(illinois.gov\)](#)

Illinois Housing Authority

- [Energy Efficiency Program](#)
- [Green Resilient Retrofit Program](#)

IL Renewable/Clean Energy Transition Ecosystem



Federal Assistance to Illinois through the Climate Bank

Overall goal:

- attract & leverage private capital

Also:

- Direct/Elective Pay IRA Transferable Tax Credits
- USDOE Loan Programs Office SEFI designation
- Port application

Total:
\$395M



Grants



\$156 million

Solar for All

- Expands Illinois Solar for All for low-income residential and community solar
- Enable upgrades & storage

Finance



\$100+ million

National Clean Investment Fund

- EV Fleets & Associated Infrastructure (public/private)
- Tax credit bridge loans to local gov. & nonprofits
- Carbon-Free Schools
- Building Electrification

Finance



\$14 million

Revolving Loan Fund

- Tax credit bridge loans for renewable/efficiency in buildings

Grants



\$15 million

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure

- 250+ State-wide community EV charging sites not addressed by market

Grants



\$40 million

Grid Resilience Grants

- Grid resilience-public and other small utilities

Finance



\$20 million

State Small Business Credit Initiative

- Participation loans through private lenders to small businesses.

Finance



\$50 million

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

- Loan programs for geothermal, EV charging, and medium- and heavy-duty fleet vehicles
- Grants for stretch energy code adoption
- Technical assistance for utilities to replace fossil fuels

Project Scenario: Non-profit organization, Net Zero/Near Net Zero Retrofit, located in and/or serves EJ/R3/DAC, mixed use commercial/residential building with market rate and low-income tenants

IFA

IPA/IEPA

DCEO

IHDA

ICC

FEDS

Local



Efficiency

C-PACE



Building Electrification



REC Bridge Loan



Tax Credit Bridge Loan

Energy Sovereignty Loan



Community-Driven Community Solar



SSBCI



Working Capital



Bright Neighborhoods Pilot



CEJA Equitable Energy Future Grant



Community Solar Sovereignty Grant



CEJA Incubator/ Accelerator



CEJA Workforce Hub/ Pre-Apprentichip/ On The Job Training



Jobs and Justice Fund



Green Resilient Retrofit Program



Equitable Energy Upgrades



IRA-Tax Credit



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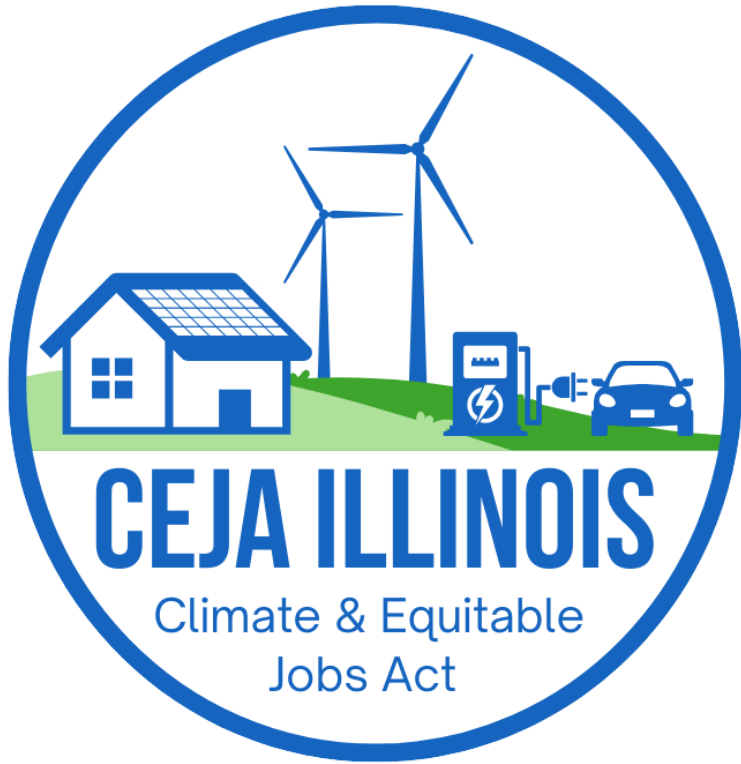


IRA-Tax Credit



EEP/EEC & Min. Equity Standard





LET'S DREAM

What's Your Project Scope?



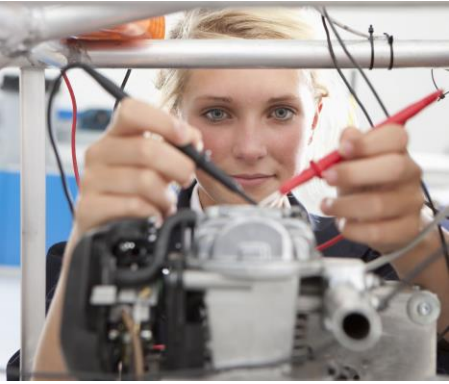
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CEJA Workforce Programs

Climate Works Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

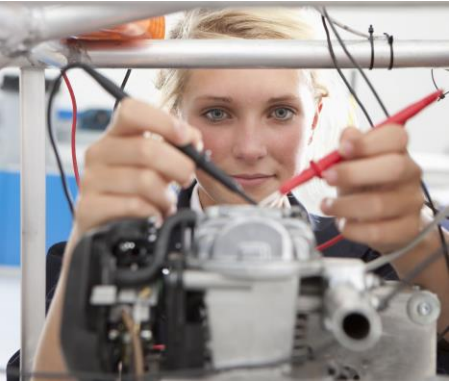
Provides training to prepare people for Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Programs in the construction and building trades with an emphasis on clean energy. One grantee has been chosen for each of the three program regions.

Programs will begin delivering services in fall 2024.

Grantees:

- 548 Foundation (Northern)
- HIRE360 (Central)
- HIRE360 (Southern)





CEJA Workforce Programs

Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program

Provides training to prepare people for entry level clean energy jobs located in 13 regional hubs across Illinois. Ten of the hub locations have a grantee selected with Danville, Carbondale, and Peoria opportunities opening Fall 2024.

Programs will begin delivering services in fall 2024.

Grantees:

- Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- Joliet Junior College
- College of Lake County
- Safer Foundation
- The Workforce Connection
- Parkland College
- Lewis & Clark Community College
- Macedonia Development Corporation
- 548 Foundation
- College of DuPage
- Richland Community College





CEJA Workforce Programs

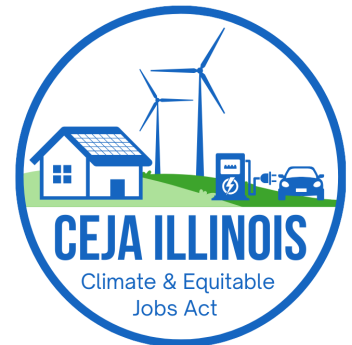
Energy Transition Navigators

This program acts as the recruiting arm for the Climate Works Pre-apprenticeship Program and the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program. These grantees are located at 13 regional hubs throughout Illinois. Twelve of the thirteen hub locations have grantees selected and Danville will reopen for applications in Fall 2024

Programs will begin delivering services in fall 2024.

Grantees

- Chicago Urban League
- Community Assistance Programs
- Goodwill Industries of Northern IL
- North Lawndale Employment Network
- Central States SER
- The Community Works, Inc. NFP
- Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago
- Heaven's View CDC
- Vermillion Advantage NFP
- Carbondale Branch NAACP
- The Community Foundation of Macon County
- Senior Services Plus
- United Congregations of Metroeast





CEJA Workforce Programs

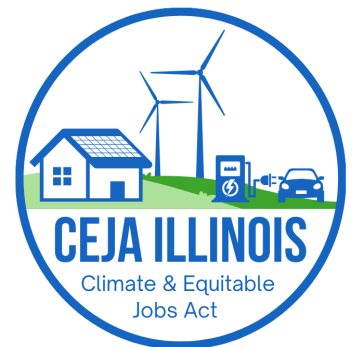
Returning Residents

This program will provide training within Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) correctional facilities to prepare people in custody for entry-level clean energy jobs.

Four training sites have been identified including:

- Kewanee Life Skills Reentry Center
- Western Illinois Correctional Center in Mt Sterling
- Decatur Correctional Center (women's facility)
- Vienna Correctional Center

Applications are currently under review.



CEJA Contractor Programs

Contractor Accelerator Program

This program connects contractors to low-cost capital and financial support for small clean energy businesses, provides support for business operations, training and mentoring, and recruitment and ongoing engagement with entities that hire contractors and subcontractors for renewable energy projects. There are 13 program delivery hubs for this program.

Applicants have been identified for:

- Chicago South Side
- Chicago West/Southwest Sides
- Rockford
- Aurora
- Joliet
- Peoria
- Decatur

Applications are under review for:

- Waukegan
- Champaign
- Danville
- Carbondale
- East St. Louis
- Alton





CEJA Contractor Programs

Contractor Incubator Program

This grant offers one-on-one coaching to develop a 5-year business plan, provides operational support grants up to \$1 million annually for upfront project costs and pre-development funding, and mentorship program of 2 years of ongoing services.

Build capacity to:

- Apply for opportunities
- Apply for certifications
- Prepare bids and RFP responses
- Participate in Illinois Shines Program
- Apply for assistance through the Illinois Climate Bank

Applications are currently under review.





CEJA Community Development

Energy Transition Community Grant (ETCG)

ETCG provides grant funds to support economic development in communities impacted by a closure or reduced operation of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine.

Eligible Applicants:

- Local units of government within 30 miles of a closed or closing plant/mine. Including municipalities, counties, school districts, or other taxing districts.
 - Areas containing a fossil fuel, nuclear, or coal mine that was or will be closed/operations reduced within 6 years of grant application
- Grant funds can be utilized to fund an array of economic development activities to redevelop, revitalize, and support the local workforce community.

Applications are under currently under review.



Workforce Development



Financial Assistance



Public Infrastructure



Environmental Clean Up



Grants & Investment



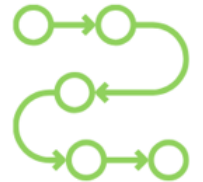
Affordable Housing



Community Health



Commercial Redevelopment



Community Planning

Allowable costs include but are not limited to the items above.



CEJA Community Development

Equitable Energy Future Grant (EEF)

The Equitable Energy Future Grant (EEF) provides \$25.5 million annually in pre-development funding to eligible contractors to support the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects benefitting historically disadvantaged communities.

Eligible Applicants:

- Illinois Power Agency certified Equity Eligible Contractors
- Contractors that meet equity building criteria based on submitted Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access Plan.

Grant funds can be utilized to fund an array of activities taking place during Phase 1: Planning and Feasibility and/or Phase 2: Pre-Development

EEF is currently open and accepting applications until December 31, 2024.



Professional Services



Applications & Deposits



Purchase/Lease Land



Permits & Zoning



Interconnection Costs



Equipment & Supplies



Marketing & Outreach



Staff & Operations



Workforce Development

Allowable costs include but are not limited to the items above.



CEJA Community Development

Community Solar Energy Sovereignty Grant

The Community Solar Energy Sovereignty Grant (CSES) provides \$8.5 million annually in pre-development funding to support activities related to community solar projects and/or development of programs or entities to assist in the long-term governance, management, and maintenance of community solar projects.

Eligible Applicants:

- Community-based Organizations (CBOs)
- A public entity (if no CBO is the surrounding community has the ability/capacity)
- Technical service provider in partnership with a CBO

Grant funds can be utilized to fund an array of activities taking place during Phase 1: Planning and Feasibility and/or Phase 2: Pre-Development

CSES will reopen in early 2025.



Marketing & Outreach



Purchase/ Lease Land



Financing



Community Ownership Model Development



Staff & Operations



Site Identification & Assessments



Interconnection Costs



Permits, Zoning, Fixing Code Violations



Equipment & Supplies

Allowable costs include but are not limited to the items above.



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Questions?

