Equitable Energy Future Grant Program Application

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| Applicant Name | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| EIN # | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Applicant Address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| GATA # | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| CAGE/UEI # | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Do you have a parent company or subsidiaries? | Yes  No |
| If yes, describe the structure and provide entity names. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Business legal structure (check all that apply) | Sole proprietorship  Partnership (limited partnership or limited liability partnership)  Limited Liability Company (LLC)  Cooperative  Governmental entity |
| Annual revenue of applicant business/organization | 0-$100,000  $100,001-$500,000  $500,001-$1,000,000  $1,000,001-$10,000,000 |
| Number of employees | 1-10  11-50  50+ |
| Please indicate whether you are an Approved Vendor of either of the following programs. | Illinois Shines (Adjustable Block Program)  Illinois Solar for All Program |
| For Illinois Shines Approved Vendors: Are you a certified Equity Eligible Contractor?[[1]](#footnote-2) | Yes  No  (Please attach documentation demonstrating certification) |

For applicants who are not certified Equity Eligible Contractors, please list the company shareholders, board members, owners, partners or proprietors with ownership interests in excess of 5% and the amount of their ownership interests. Indicate whether they meet one or more of the equity eligibility persons criteria[[2]](#footnote-3). Attach a list of additional persons if needed.

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| Name | | Percent ownership | | Meets equity eligible persons criteria (yes/no) | |
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| If you are applying as an independent contractor offering personal services, please indicate which equity eligible persons criteria you meet. | I have graduated from or am a current/former participant in one of the CEJA or FEJA Workforce or Contractor programs.  I am a graduate of or am currently enrolled in the foster care system.  I have been convicted of a crime and was incarcerated for that conviction.  My primary residence is located in an equity investment eligible community. (See the [equity investment eligible community map](https://energyequity.illinois.gov/resources/equity-investment-eligible-community-map.html)). | | | | |
| Does your business or organization have any of the following certifications? | MBE (Minority-owned business enterprise)  WBE (Women-owned business enterprise)  DBE (Disadvantaged business enterprise  VBE (Veteran-owned business enterprise) | | | | |
| Has your business participated in or is it currently participating in the following CEJA contractor programs? | Clean Energy Contractor Incubator Program (when in operation)  Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator Program (when in operation) | | | | |
| Did you receive assistance from any of the following to complete this application? | Clean Energy Contractor Incubator Program (when in operation)  Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator Program (when in operation)  Small Business Development Center  APEX Accelerator (formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Centers) | | | | |
| Are you partnering with or subcontracting with any other businesses or entities on this application? | Yes  No | | | | |
| If yes, list partner businesses/entities, their role in the project and whether they meet equity eligible contractor criteria. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
| List the address(es) where the proposed project will be located. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
| Does the applicant own the project property/address? | Yes  No | | | | |
| Briefly describe the project location’s suitability for proposed use (up to 250 words). | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| Briefly describe the community the project will serve and the community needs this project will address (up to 500 words) | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| Briefly describe your business’s historical or future partnership with the community in which the project will be located and the length of that partnership (up to 500 words). | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| Please describe the renewable energy or energy efficiency project(s) you are proposing. Examples include community or rooftop solar, weatherization, roof repair, HVAC upgrades, lighting retrofit, whole-building ventilation, etc. (up to 750 words). | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| Funding may be requested for one or both of the following project phases: 1) planning and feasibility phase, and 2) pre-development construction phase. | | | | | |
| Please check the phase 1 planning and feasibility activities for which you are requesting funding (check all that apply). Be prepared to detail necessary costs in the budget template. | Market analysis  Property due diligence  Community outreach and engagement  Architecture, design or engineering services  Auditing, consulting, or developer services  Project pro-forma/budget  Site acquisition planning  Sourcing project funding  Project grant writing | | | | |
| List any other phase 1 activities for which you are requesting funding. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
| Please check the phase 2 pre-development construction activities for which you are requesting funding. Be prepared to detail necessary costs in the budget template. | Selecting contractors/securing contracts  Project application  Purchasing and/or leasing of land  Permitting and zoning  Interconnection application costs and fees, studies and expenses  Equipment and supplies  Employee training  Community outreach, marketing and engagement  Staff and operations expenses | | | | |
| List any other phase 2 activities for which you are requesting funding. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
| Does the project include the sale of energy production? | Yes  No | | | | |
| If yes, please describe how the applicant will sell the energy produced or conserved to customers, including its connectedness to the grid and/or customers; and ability to remain commercially viable upon project completion (up to 500 words). | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| For renewable energy projects, please estimate the amount of energy the project will generate (MW), the project cost, and the beneficiaries of savings (low-income households, not-for-profit organizations, other). | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| For Phase 1 energy efficiency projects, please describe the energy savings and non-energy benefits that this project is expected to achieve and who will receive these benefits. | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| For Phase 2 energy efficiency projects, please estimate the annual energy savings (kWh, therms), the project cost, the non-energy benefits, and who will receive these benefits. | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| The Department encourages grantees to leverage other funding sources to improve the cost effectiveness of grant funds. Which of the following incentive or grant programs have you applied to or plan to apply to for this project, if any? | [Equitable Energy Upgrade Program](https://www.icc.illinois.gov/informal-processes/Equitable-Energy-Upgrade-Plan)  [Illinois Solar for All](https://www.illinoissfa.com/)  [Illinois Shines](https://illinoisshines.com/become-an-equity-eligible-contractor-eec-approved-vendor-or-designee/) (Adjustable Block Program)  [Illinois Climate Bank](https://www.il-fa.com/programs/cb) (Illinois Finance Authority)  [Community Development Block Grants](https://dceo.illinois.gov/communitydevelopment.html)  Public utility energy efficiency program incentives and funding  [Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund](https://govappointments.illinois.gov/boardsandcommissions/details/?id=7d16cb5e-2007-ee11-8f6d-001dd8068008)  [Business & Industry | Illinois Finance Authority (il-fa.com)](https://www.il-fa.com/programs/business)  [Commercial Property Assessed Energy (C-PACE)](https://www.il-fa.com/programs/c-pace)  [State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) and Advantage Loan Program](https://dceo.illinois.gov/smallbizassistance/advantageillinois/ssbci.html)  [Small Business Administration](https://www.sba.gov/) funding | | | | |
| Please list any additional federal, state, or local incentive or grant programs you have applied to or plan to apply to for this project. | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| What is the estimated total number of months required to complete phase 1 project activities? | | | | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| What is the estimated total number of months required to complete phase 2 project activities? | | | | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| List the key staff who will be assigned to this project, their roles, and percentage time they will spend on the project. Provide brief bios of key staff. Indicate any anticipated new hires and/or contractors/partnerships. (Up to 750 words). | | | | | |
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| Do you plan to hire CEJA or FEJA workforce program graduates as contractors for the project? | | | | | Yes  No |
| If yes, what percentage of the workforce for the project will come from these programs or will meet other equity eligible persons criteria[[3]](#footnote-4)? | | | | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Do you plan to provide on-the-job training opportunities for CEJA or FEJA workforce program participants or graduates? | | | | | Yes  No |
| If yes, please describe the on-the-job training opportunities you will provide. | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| Provide details about how your project will support the growth of the clean energy workforce in Illinois and any connections you have to the CEJA or FEJA workforce programs (up to 500 words). | | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |
| How many permanent and/or temporary jobs will be created, if any, from this project? | | | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| Supplemental documentation (please attach)   * Documentation of IRS declaration: 501c3, c6, etc. * Documentation verifying that main applicant is a certified equity eligible contractor (if applicable) * Attestation that applicant is an Equity Eligible Contractor, including, if necessary, proof of participation in the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program, Clean Energy Contractor Incubator Program, Returning Residents Clean Jobs Training Program, Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program, or Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator Program (see application forms) * Property ownership document OR document demonstrating applicant’s authority to make site improvements. * Letter(s) of support from community leaders and stakeholders documenting their support for the project and the community needs it will address (optional but recommended). * Letter(s) of support from partner CEJA or FEJA workforce program grantees or other workforce programs about how your project will help grow the clean energy workforce (optional but recommended), * For Phase 2 projects: Design or construction documents that provide details of the project, if available (examples: building preliminary schematic, energy audit report, site map). These documents may be provided after Phase 1 activities are complete. * For Phase 2 projects: Quotes used for budget estimates, if available (examples: preconstruction/construction budget, operating budget, contractor proposals/estimates). These documents may be provided after Phase 1 activities are complete. | | | | | |

1. [Become an Equity Eligible Contractor (EEC) Approved Vendor or Designee – Illinois Shines](https://illinoisshines.com/become-an-equity-eligible-contractor-eec-approved-vendor-or-designee/) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Persons are equity eligible if they meet one or more of the following criteria: 1) They are graduates of or current/former participants in the CEJA or FEJA workforce programs; 2) They are graduates of or currently enrolled in the foster care system; 3) They are formerly incarcerated; 4) Their primary residence is in an equity investment eligible community (see the [equity investment eligible community map](https://energyequity.illinois.gov/resources/equity-investment-eligible-community-map.html)). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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