

# Illinois' Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Support Program

## Fact Sheet

### Summary:

The State of Illinois plans to develop a “Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Support” program to provide technical and financial assistance to municipal and co-op utilities in Illinois to help them identify a path to transition the state’s power sector to carbon-free by 2045. The funding for the support will come from the state’s successful Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award. The IEPA maintains a [website](#) with information about the state’s \$430 million dollar award. About \$2.6 million will be spent on the Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Support program over a five year period.

The information summarized below about the new “Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Support” technical assistance and grants is found in Illinois’ [“Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Grant.”](#)

### Task: Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Support

**Description:** Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Support: ICB will develop a technical assistance resource, and make strategic planning grants, to help eligible municipal and co-op utilities assess needs and identify ways to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy.

**Agency:** Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) / Illinois Climate Bank (ICB)

**Key Activity/Deliverable:** Launch new grants program to municipal and coop utilities. Competitive procurement of expert.

**Key Milestones:** Launch grants: 2026, Q1

**Total 5 yr Budget:** \$2,616,250

### Planned Activities:

1. Contract for Technical Expertise: \$350,000 over 5 years to develop a technical reference and provide ongoing support to utilities.
2. Grants to Municipal and Co-op Utilities: Two annual grants of \$200,000 each to help municipal and co-op utilities secure power system and generation plans and renewable energy purchase agreements.

Task 5.2 Public Utility Clean Energy Planning and Support						
Year	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Federal Funds	\$611,250	\$501,250	\$501,250	\$501,250	\$ 501,250	\$2,616,250

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