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Energy Efficiency Housing Assistance Grants

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The Goals of the Hub are to:

- Educate & train building professionals

- Support diverse contractors

- Connect contractors to a project pipeline

- Build capacity for advanced codes and policies

- Streamline access to financial resources

The Hub is growing capacity for commercial & multi-family building retrofits.

Energy Efficiency Assessment Program & Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Grant Program

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Office of Energy - Goals and Objectives

- ✓ Invest in the Public Sector

- ✓ Advance Energy Equity

- ✓ Combine Energy and Environment

- ✓ Support Energy Education

- ✓ Optimize Resources

Energy Efficiency Programs

- Energy Efficiency Assessment Program

- Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Grant Program

- Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant

https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/energy.html

Who Can Apply?

1. Public Housing Authorities, units of local government or nonprofit organizations

2. Must manage properties serving residents that receive housing assistance from a local, state or federal program.

Ex. Subsidized housing assistance programs, Transitional housing programs, senior living facilities, group homes and other community-based supportive housing.

Energy Efficiency Assessment Program

Funds will be awarded to residential properties serving populations receiving housing assistance

Available to ALL utility service areas.

Awards range from $5,000 to $60,000

Eligible to apply for funding to make recommended upgrades through the Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Grant Program upon completion of assessment.

What is an Energy Efficiency Assessment/Audit ?

- A written evaluation of a property's structure, equipment and behavior conducted by a third-party professional with the goal of reducing energy costs and increasing building performance.

Energy Efficiency Assessment - Eligibility

Criteria	Yes	No
1. Is the property or are the properties to be assessed located in Illinois?		
2. Is the property managed by a public housing authority, municipality, county, township, or nonprofit organization?		
3. Is the property primarily used for residential purposes?		
4. Do property residents benefit from federal, state or local public housing programs, housing choice vouchers, rental assistance, or subsidized housing?		
5. Is the applicant property unable to receive a free energy efficiency assessment from the local utility service provider?		
6. Can the applicant provide detailed invoices for eligible costs and submit to Illinois EPA no more frequently than monthly?		
Additional GATA Criteria	Yes	No
10. Can the applicant meet **all** of the following pre-qualification requirements through the GATA grantee portal, www.grants.illinois.gov, at the time of award?		
11. Does applicant have a valid UEI number?		
12. Does applicant have a current SAM.gov account?		
13. Can the applicant prove it is not on the Federal Excluded Parties List?		
14. Is the applicant in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State?		
15. Can the applicant prove it is not on the Illinois Stop Payment List?		
16. Can the applicant prove it is not on the Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions List?		
17. Applicant either: (a) has a current Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ); OR (b) is willing to complete an ICQ before Illinois EPA issues a Notice of State Award (NOSA) resulting from this NOFO?		

Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Grant Program

Funding for energy efficiency upgrades at single family and multifamily properties. Up to 40 dwelling units.

Upgrades must have been identified in an energy efficiency assessment conducted within the last 5 years.

Awards range from $50,000 to $1,000,000

Energy Efficiency Trust Fund – Eligibility

Criteria	Yes	No
1. Is the project located in Illinois?		
2. Do property residents benefit from federal, state or local public housing programs, housing choice vouchers, rental assistance, or subsidized housing?		
3. Is the property managed by a public housing authority, municipality, county, township, or nonprofit organization?		
4. Has there been an energy efficiency assessment performed by a third-party assessor within the last five years?		
5. Did the energy efficiency assessment yield written recommendations for energy efficiency improvements?		
6. Does the proposed project only include improvements identified in the written recommendations from the energy efficiency assessment?		
7. Can the applicant provide a calculated energy cost savings ($/kWh) for the project?		
8. Does the proposed project impact 40 or fewer dwelling units at the residential property AND improvements for health/safety or common areas represent no more than 20% of the requested award?		
9. Can all appliances, systems, equipment, and building material components meet the ENERGY STAR product criteria on the date of installation? (Note: Please indicate if ENERGY STAR product is unavailable.)		
10. Can the applicant provide detailed invoices for eligible project costs and submit to Illinois EPA no more frequently than monthly?		
11. Can the applicant meet the cost share requirement? The cost share for selected projects is determined based on the total award request: • 2% cost share of the total award request for awards between $100,000 to $249,999.99; • 5% cost share of the total award request for awards between $250,000 to $499,999.99; and • 10% cost share of the total award request for awards between $500,000 to $1,000,000.		

Program Features

▪Rolling Application Period – Opens <u>Sept 22, 2025</u>

✓Awards will be made until all funds are expended OR:

   Energy Efficiency Assessment – Close March 31, 2026

   Energy Efficiency Trust Fund – Close June 30, 2026.

▪Non-Competitive Program – First Come, First Served

▪Payment is remitted to the **Grantee** based on detailed invoices of costs to be incurred. Grantee provides proof of payment to contractor no later than 45 days after receipt of funds from IEPA.

Grant Process

Application Submission
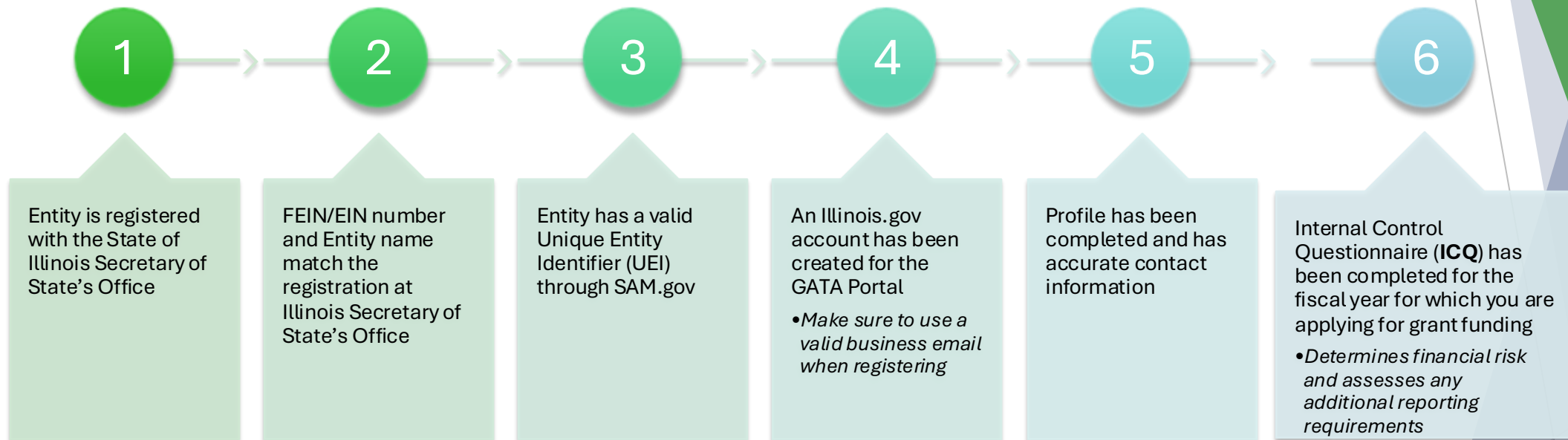
Grant Application Review

Notice of Award

Award Agreement

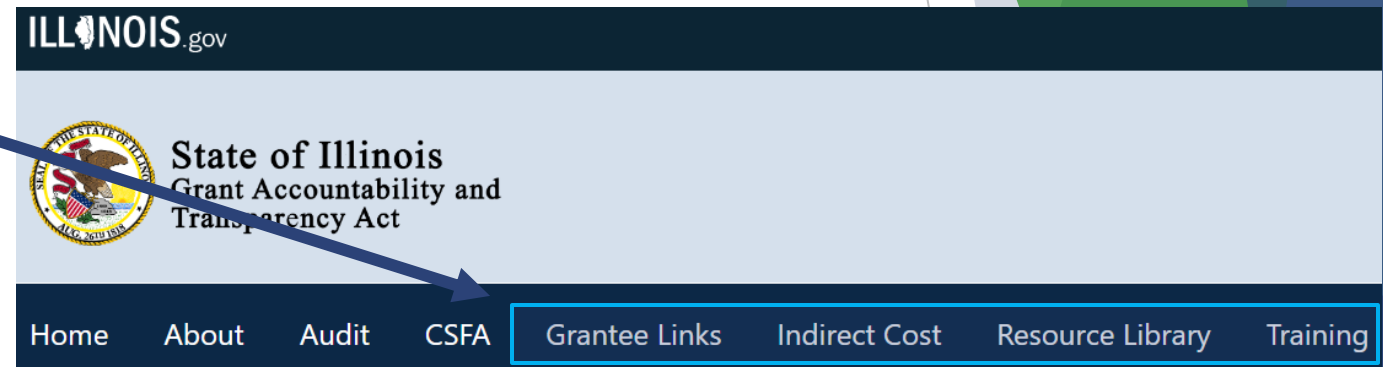**Project Activities Begin**

Grantee Pre-Qualification Requirements

1 Entity is registered with the State of Illinois Secretary of State's Office

2 FEIN/EIN number and Entity name match the registration at Illinois Secretary of State's Office

3 Entity has a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through SAM.gov

4 An Illinois.gov account has been created for the GATA Portal
- *Make sure to use a valid business email when registering*

5 Profile has been completed and has accurate contact information

6 Internal Control Questionnaire (**ICQ**) has been completed for the fiscal year for which you are applying for grant funding
- *Determines financial risk and assesses any additional reporting requirements*

GATA Resources

https://gata.illinois.gov/

https://grants.illinois.gov/portal

To subscribe to all Illinois funding opportunities, send an email to:

subscribe-omb-gata-grants@lists.illinois.gov

Application – AmpliFund

EEA Components

▶ 1. Cover Letter – Impact of assessment on property management

▶ 2. Narrative Project Plan

▶ 3. Project Timeline - Projects impacting multiple properties should have milestones for EACH property.

▶ 4. Budget

▶ Required Forms

EETF Components

▶ Cover Letter – Briefly describe your organization, the project property and how this project will impact residents receiving housing assistance.

▶ Narrative Project Plan

▶ Project Timeline – Projects impacting multiple properties should have milestones for EACH property.

▶ Budget

▶ Energy Efficiency Assessment

▶ Required Forms

Logging into AmpliFund for the First Time

All **GATA Grantee Portal** users have immediate access to AmpliFund. Use your GATA Grantee Portal username and password to log into AmpliFund to access your saved, started, and submitted applications.

1. Go to https://il.amplifund.com. You will be redirected to the Illinois.gov authentication portal page.
2. On the Illinois.gov portal page, click the **Public Account**.

ILLINOIS.GOV
Authentication Portal

Sign in with one of these accounts

Public Account

Partner Account

Employee Account

3. Enter your GATA Applicant portal **username** and **password**.

AmpliFund Applicant Series

State of Illinois

How to complete an application

https://share.vidyard.com/watch/JPht9geqGbE4iFKE2SRdN3

Technical Assistance Office Hours

Available via Webex – 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Date	Registration Link
September 12	https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rcad7fa43e2a0e0ad1a678f8515880c6b
October 10	https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rec0e82d4b47283d03e773a1616b05ff4
November 7	https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rabdb7ba39fdef4016dbbef2fed0b0787
December 5	https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rad1f5d38a629a8359f96dc450df9a315
February 13	https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rfdb637e4029b1b128cb3ba310e456fe2
April 24	https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r485ebd1569d42953c02ea063d0fd0bd3
May 8	https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r334e77644128ada17c04d0ea98a40432

Questions?

✓Illinois EPA Office of Energy - https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/energy.html

✓Energy Efficiency Assessment Program - https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/energy/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-assessment-program.html

✓Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Grant Program - https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/energy/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-trust-fund-grant.html

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