

Energy Program for Low-to-Moderate Income Marylanders Makes Strong Impact

Maryland residents can realize huge savings by capitalizing on energy programs that increase energy efficiency and promote improved quality of living.

Established in 2010, the Clean Energy Communities Low-to-Moderate Income Grant Program (LMI) encourages innovative ideas directed at helping communities, neighborhoods, or entire buildings make energy efficient upgrades. Projects are geographically located in all regions of the state, submitted by nonprofit organizations and local governments that work directly with residents in need, like low-to-moderate income residents.

The LMI program was recognized by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) for the Social Equity award; a new category for 2019.

The MEA offers a wide variety of grants and tax credits that help residents close the savings gap on everything from home heating to electric vehicle charging equipment. Read about some of our featured grants here and visit us online at www.Energy.Maryland.gov, to see our full list of programs for residents, businesses, nonprofits and local government agencies.



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Serving the entire state of Maryland, MEA's LMI program creates local jobs, leverages multiple funding sources, and has helped to grow the network of nonprofit and local government assisting the LMI community. Equally important, the LMI program generates cost-effective energy savings and fosters healthier and safer living spaces. The program accomplishes these outcomes in a highly scalable format in which MEA staff actively direct and implement the program. By weighing savings and allowing any form of energy savings, LMI can implement many measures that would not be eligible under other programs. To date, **over \$48 million dollars has been awarded** to help Maryland families in the low-to-moderate income sector via non-profit and government groups.

Civic Works, Inc. utilized a 2017 LMI grant to perform 269 energy audits and upgrade 714 homes in and around Baltimore. Some of the upgrades included home weatherization, HVAC upgrades, and lighting improvements via their Project Lightbulb program.

Civic Works also operates comprehensive green career training programs, including tracks in weatherization and solar installation. At Civic Works' Center for Sustainable Careers, workers acquire the certifications and hands-on skills needed to succeed in careers within the emerging green economy.

In 2017, the program awarded **\$9.9 million dollars** and realized significant savings in 2,677 buildings while enabling 95,000 job hours for those involved with installing the energy efficiency measures.



56 AWARDS



2,677 BUILDINGS



95,000 JOB HOURS



**5,941,870 ANNUAL
KILOWATTS PER
HOUR SAVINGS**



**4,235 (METRIC
TONS/YEAR) CO2
EMISSIONS AVOIDED**



**170,233 (THERMS)
ANNUAL GAS
SAVINGS**

