

Small Manufacturer Energy Waste Reduction Program Now Available Statewide

Rebates help Manufacturers Cut Energy Use

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Energy Office today (4/1/19) announced that its Small Manufacturers Energy Waste Reduction Incentive Pilot is now available statewide. The program offers rebates up to \$15,000 per eligible manufacturing facility for activities and projects that lead to onsite energy savings.

“We’re pleased to make this rebate program available to small manufacturers throughout Michigan,” said Robert Jackson, MEO director. “It will help jump-start a variety of energy waste reduction activities at small manufacturers, who face many challenges. Energy waste reduction projects will help them reduce their energy use and lower their costs, making them more competitive.”

Proposed activities must be directed at achieving onsite energy savings at a company’s manufacturing facility, provide a minimum one-to-one match, and involve no equipment costing \$5,000 or more.

Renewable energy, fuel switching, and activities involving new construction, ground breaking, new and/or modified environmental permits and modification of any historical building are ineligible. LED lights without advanced energy waste reduction controls are additionally ineligible.

Examples of energy waste reduction activities that are eligible include:

- Insulation.
- Energy Star qualified windows and doors.
- Variable frequency drives
- Advanced lighting, motor and operational controls.
- Level II and Level III American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers energy audits.

Companies eligible for the program must be small manufacturers in Michigan with 50 or fewer full-time employees worldwide. Applicants must agree to reporting project energy savings, completing a one-year follow-up survey, and an MEO news release about the project’s success.

Total funding for this initiative is limited to \$50,000. More information, along with the rebate application, is located [here](#). Questions about the program may be emailed to David Herb at herbd@michigan.gov.

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