



Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources ***Public School LED Lighting Accelerator Program***

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) is pleased to announce the availability of \$10,000,000 in financial incentives to accelerate the transition to LED lighting and controls by Rhode Island public schools through a new Public School LED Lighting Accelerator Program. These projects offer the potential to provide immediate energy consumption and cost reductions; shrink carbon footprints; support clean energy jobs; improve the quality of lighting in our classrooms; and increase the usability of these public spaces for the local community.

This incentive offering is being made pursuant to the State's Lead by Example (LBE) Initiative. OER will make these funds available on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent on the availability of funding. As part of OER's commitment to equity, these funds will also be prioritized for investment, at OER's determination, based on community need as determined by a combination of the [RIDE Housing Aid formula](#), [Distressed Community status](#), [RIDOH's COVID impacted zip codes](#), and an assessment of overall facility need. Communities ranking highly in one or more of these indices will receive higher priority for funding allocations.

These enhanced incentives are being offered in addition to any other applicable state and/or federal grant or tax incentives that the applicant may be eligible for and represents a unique project cost savings opportunity for public school districts.

Funding for this program comes from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction proceeds, administered by OER.

Program Objective

This program is designed to provide technical assistance, procurement support, project implementation oversight, and financial incentives to Rhode Island public schools to accelerate the transition to LED lighting and controls in these important buildings.

Eligibility

This program is open to all Rhode Island public schools, with priority given to those meeting the equity criteria outline above.

Application Process

- An eligible entity must submit a completed OER Public School LED Lighting Accelerator program application.

- Each application will be reviewed for eligibility and other criteria by OER staff. OER reserves the right to request additional information directly from the applicant prior to making its final award determination. Submission of an application alone does not guarantee funding.
- If approved, OER will notify the applicant electronically or in writing.
- Once approved, OER will schedule with the listed contact person a detailed lighting audit using OER's lighting vendor. This lighting audit will generate a scope of work and other procurement documents the applicant can use to competitively bid the project.
- OER will provide the agency with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will describe the financial commitment and terms of cooperation between the parties.
- Payment(s) of the RGGI-funded incentive will be made by OER to the applicant within thirty days of receipt of requested documentation.
- Incentives offered through this program are made on a first-come, first-served basis and are contingent on the availability of funds. OER – at its sole discretion – reserves the right to accept, reject, or request modifications to any application for reasons including, but not limited to, availability of funding and/or failure to meet all eligibility and other program criteria.

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LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Public School LED Lighting Accelerator Program
Application for Lighting Incentives and Support

Date:

| APPLICANT INFORMATION | |
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| School District/Municipality: | |
| School Name: | |
| School Address: | |
| Contact Person: | |
| Title: | |
| Email: | |
| Phone Number: | |

| PROJECT DETAILS | |
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| School area in sq. feet: | |
| Currently installed lighting (fluorescent or LED tubes): | |
| Current occupancy sensors (Yes, No, Partial): | |
| Utility Provider: | |
| Electricity Account Number: | |

Applicant Name:

Title:

Signature: