

# 2022 Met Ed/Penelec Sustainable Energy Fund Request for Green Building Proposals

---

*Community Foundation for the Alleghenies*

## *Grant Description*

---

The Met Ed/Penelec Sustainable Energy Fund has one grant of \$300,000-\$500,000 available to support the construction of a green, sustainable, and/or natural building or the renovation of an existing building using these energy efficiency principles. The total grant award may be increased substantially within this range depending on the types of clean energy systems and technologies that are implemented. The project must be located within the territories served by the Met Ed or Penelec electric companies in Pennsylvania. Projects located in rural communities or economically distressed downtowns will be given priority.

The goal of the funding is to support a project that showcases the cost savings and energy savings inherent in applying green, sustainable, and/or natural building techniques in a community where the building can serve as an example to others.

## *FAQs*

---

*Who is eligible to apply?*

*All applicants must be located in Pennsylvania and be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, educational institution, governmental entity, economic development agency, or religious institution.*

*If selected, when will funding be available and how will it be distributed?*

*Funding will be available no later than December 31, 2022. Funding will be distributed in three equal phases (beginning, middle, and end of project) based on a timeline and metrics mutually agreed to by the Met Ed Penelec Sustainable Energy Fund Advisory Committee and the grantee.*

*What is the timeframe for expenditure of the grant?*

*All grant funds must be expended within three years of the award date, or within a shorter, mutually agreed-upon timeframe acceptable to both the Met Ed/Penelec Sustainable Energy Fund Advisory Committee and the applicant.*

*What is involved in the application process?*

*Organizations must complete an online application by August 31, 2022 to be considered for funding. After all applications are received, the review process will be administered in four stages. The fund reserves the right to discontinue the review process at any stage for any reason. This timeline is tentative and subject to change:*

- *Stage 1: Staff review, which may include technical assistance support from a third party, during which time applicants may be asked to respond to additional questions or provide additional materials regarding their application. (August 31 – September 30, 2022)*
- *Stage 2: Met Ed Penelec Advisory Committee review (October 2022). If, after thorough review, no proposals receive committee approval to move to the next stage, a second request-for-proposals will be issued.*
- *Stage 3: Select applicants will be invited to present their proposal to the Met Ed Penelec Advisory Committee (December 2022).*
- *Stage 4: Decisions will be made and communicated to the recipient no later than December 31, 2022.*

*Who should I contact for more information?*

*You may contact one of the following staff members. Please select the staff member whose location is closer to your organization and/or project:*

*Angie Berzonski  
Community Foundation for the Alleghenies  
Johnstown, PA  
aberzonski@cfalleghenies.org  
814.315.2982*

*Kevin Lugo  
Berks County Community Foundation  
Reading, PA  
kevinl@bccf.org  
610.685.2223*

Apply online at <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/sfX4fS>