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Grants Available to support Clean Energy-Related Studies for New Hampshire Municipalities and Nonprofit Organizations.

The [New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority](#) (CDFA) is now accepting applications from New Hampshire Municipalities and Nonprofits interested in low-cost energy-related studies for their facilities.

[The Community Facilities Energy Assessment and Technical Assistance Grant Program](#) will cover 75% of the cost of eligible studies, up to \$6,000. Participants required to pay for 25%. CDFA will work with potential applicants to confirm eligibility and to identify eligible energy consultants or other professionals, as well as incentives and financing opportunities available for implementing the recommended energy upgrades.

Funded studies and assessments will identify and support implementation projects that reduce future operating and maintenance costs and improve building comfort and health, allowing organizations and communities to better support their core missions.

Eligible uses of funds include energy audits, energy design charrettes, clean energy feasibility studies, and structural analyses to support the addition of roof insulation or solar. Other studies may also be acceptable. Community eligibility scoring is based on town population and Median Household Income.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis via CDFA's Grants Management System (GMS) beginning on October 15, 2020. Award decisions will typically be made within 2 weeks.

Funding for this program is provided by a USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training grant. CDFA Awardees will be encouraged to apply to the USDA [Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program](#) for support to implement their improvements.

For more information about the program and how to apply, contact:

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CDFA's **Clean Energy Fund** provides technical and financial resources for municipalities, businesses and nonprofits to invest in energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy projects. Low-interest financing can support cash-flow positive projects, helping organizations better control long-term energy costs and provide additional benefits such as improved light quality, improved comfort and productivity, and reduced maintenance costs.

For more information visit: <https://resources.nhcdfa.org/programs/clean-energy-fund/>

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