Grants Available Through Pennsylvania Grid Resilience Program Under Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021

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On May 31, 2025, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) announced the availability of \$8 million in grants offered through the Pennsylvania Grid Resilience Grants Program (Program), which is funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. See 55 Pa. Bull. 3809 (May 31, 2025). The Program's funding is available to entities that own or operate electric power systems, such as electric grid operators, electricity storage operators, electricity generators, transmission owners or operators, distribution providers, and fuel suppliers, who are looking to implement measures intended to mitigate the impact of electric grid disruptions.

PADEP is specifically interested in projects that promote clean energy generation and workforce benefits. A minimum of 5% of the program funding is being reserved for entities that sell less than 4 million MWh of electricity annually (the "Small Utility Set Aside"). On its **website**, PADEP has identified several eligible project types, including weatherization technologies and equipment, fire resistant technologies and fire prevention systems, the undergrounding of electrical equipment, and utility pole management. The following types of projects are ineligible for the Program: construction of a new electric generating facility, construction of a new large-scale battery storage facility, and projects relating to cybersecurity. See PADEP, "Pennsylvania Grid Resilience Grant Program," here.

Concept paper submissions were due on August 8, 2025, and PADEP was to provide feedback on concept papers by email by August 22, 2025. Full applications will be received any time after September 1, 2025, until November 1, 2025.

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