

The Metropolitan Edison Company/Pennsylvania Electric Company Sustainable Energy Fund's Energy Audit Program provides eligible building owners with grants for professional, level one energy audits.

**What is an energy audit?**

During a level one energy audit, a trained specialist studies the energy usage of your building by reviewing bills and determining the amount of energy used/lost onsite. The auditor will spend time at your building and with your team to understand your energy needs. After the evaluation, the auditor will prepare a written report that recommends ways to save energy at your facility.

**What happens after the energy audit?**

In some cases, nonprofit organizations use the information in the audit to make simple changes that have a big impact on their energy bills. In other cases, the building may require more significant retrofits or upgrades to achieve substantial savings. In those cases, the Sustainable Energy Fund will work with the organization to determine if a performance-based loan would be an option to get the work done.

**What is a performance-based loan?**

A performance-based loan has terms that are determined by the amount of money the organization is expected to save in energy costs as a result of efficiency upgrades. For example, if an energy audit shows that a building needs \$30,000 in upgrades to save \$6,000 a year on its energy bill, the performance-based loan could be structured to have a pay back of \$6,000 a year for 5 years, thus using the savings to pay back the loan while setting the organization up for future lower bills. Terms are determined case-by-case.

**Do I have to get a performance-based loan if I receive a grant for an energy audit?**

No. After you receive the audit results you can decide if you want to apply for a performance-based loan.

**What types of organizations are eligible?**

Applicants may include nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, or businesses in economically distressed communities within the Met Ed/Penelec service territory.

**What happens after I submit my application?**

A member of the Sustainable Energy Fund staff will contact you to learn more about your building and will likely schedule a brief site visit. Your application and site visit information will be shared with the fund advisory committee, who will make the recommendations on which organizations receive grants.

**Do I need to find an energy auditor?**

If your building is approved for a grant, you can work with a certified energy auditor of your choice, or we can provide a list of approved energy auditors from which you can request a quote.

**How do I apply?**

Apply online at [www.metedpenelecsef.org](http://www.metedpenelecsef.org), where, you can also view our territory map and case studies from earlier Energy Audit Program participants. Applications are due no later than August 15, 2016. We anticipate funding up to 10 audits (five per territory) in 2016.

**What if I have questions?**

In the Penelec or Penn Power territory, contact Angie Berzonski at [aberzonski@cfalleghenies.org](mailto:aberzonski@cfalleghenies.org). In the Met Ed territory, contact Heidi Williamson at [info@bccf.org](mailto:info@bccf.org).