

Ohio Schools Energy Efficiency Grant Program

Overview:

- Eligibility: 60% or more of students enrolled in free and reduced lunch program.
- ASHRAE Level II audit completed/certified. Grants are available to help offset some of the cost of audits.
- EE updates must demonstrate at least a 15% energy usage reduction with a payback of 15 years or less.
- Up to \$1.7 million grant funds available. Grants awarded range of \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Results:

- **14 Schools Served**
- **Grants Provided: \$2,601,723**
- **Utility Cost Savings: \$547,856**
- **Total Project Costs: \$6,360,850**

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Energy Efficiency Measures:

- Direct digital Controls (DDC), LED Lights, chiller, Hot water coils, variable flow pumping systems, upgrades, and other HVAC energy efficiency improvements.

Barriers/Challenges:

- Supply-chain related issues and/or lead times. Difficult to get these projects completed in time. On major energy efficiency equipment, project engineers are seeing lead times as long as 6 months.

For additional information, see:

<https://development.ohio.gov/community/redevelopment/nonprofit-hospitals-schools-energy-efficiency-grant>