

# AWC Energy Audit Grant

## Information Session

August 28, 2024



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## Agenda

- Intro
- Clean Buildings Performance Standards (CBPS) – Dept. of Commerce
- Grant program – AWC
- Energy audits – Säjän Group
- Performance contracting – Dept. of Enterprise Services
- Q&A



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## Purpose

- \$4 million appropriation for AWC to:
  - Assist cities with energy audits
  - Collect data on the costs of compliance
- Grant program launch Sept. 13
  - Get ready!



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## AWC Grant opportunity



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## Background

- Purpose of grant
  - Understand current energy performance
  - Gather estimated costs statewide for cities to comply
  - Establish supporting data for state-level funding
- AWC report to Legislature in Dec. 2025

*\*Counties received the same funding for the same purpose*



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### AWC Grant

- City-owned Tier 1 and Tier 2 buildings
- Fund audits and establish cost estimates

### Commerce Audit Incentive Program

- Publicly owned Tier 1 buildings (or multifamily 50,000+ sq. ft)
- Fund audits and support compliance with CBPS

*\*Commerce Early Adopter Incentive Programs for Tiers 1 and 2*



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## General info.

- Eligibility
  - Cities that own Tier 1 and Tier 2 qualifying buildings
- Covered cost
  - Audit cost only
- Funding
  - Full or partial funding of audit(s)
  - Based on availability of funding
  - Reimbursement basis
- Application
  - Audit proposal
  - Application form
- Priority for:
  - Applicants who demonstrate a level of preparedness for compliance with the Clean Buildings Act
  - Bldgs. not qualifying for exemption



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## Estimated schedule

Activities	Dates
Online info. session	August 28, 2024
Request for applications opens	September 13, 2024
Applications due	Sept. 13, 2024, through Jan. 31, 2025
Application evaluation	Ongoing
Notification of “apparent successful applicant”	Within 6 weeks from application submission
Audits conducted	Ongoing until May 16, 2025
Required reporting and invoice due	Within 3 months from award notice unless notice given less than 3 months from May 16, 2025. Then due no later than May 16, 2025.



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## Process

1. Determine need for audit of one or more qualifying buildings
2. Obtain/complete audit proposal from “qualified person”
3. Apply to AWC for grant funding
4. (if successful) Enter into subgrant agreement with AWC
5. Conduct audit and complete required reporting
  - a. If contracting out, auditor submits required reporting to city and city pays auditor
6. Submit required reporting and proof of payment to AWC



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## Deliverables to AWC

- Paid invoice
- Building improvement plan, including:
  - Compliance pathway, if applicable
  - Performance metric for each building
  - Estimated cost of meeting the Energy Performance Metric
  - Estimated cost of developing and implementing an energy management plan
  - Estimated cost of developing and implementing an operations and maintenance program
- Form D Audit Report



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# Support

Website: <https://wacities.org/services/energy-audit-grant-program>

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## TA available from Clean Buildings staff

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Thanks for joining!



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