



Stretch Building Code Adoption Webinar

April 6, 2026



INTRODUCTIONS



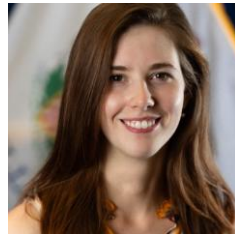
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AGENDA

- Illinois Climate Bank Overview
- About the Illinois Stretch Energy Code
- Stretch Building Code Adoption Grant Opportunity
- MEEA Technical Support
- Q&A
- Additional IFA Resources



THE IFA WAS DESIGNATED AS THE CLIMATE BANK BY CEJA



CLIMATE BANK PURPOSE

- (1) The distribution of the benefits of clean energy in an equitable manner;*
- (2) Making clean energy accessible to all; and*
- (3) Accelerating the investment of private capital into clean energy projects in a manner reflective of the geographic, racial, ethnic, gender, and income-level diversity of the State.*

- Climate & Equitable Jobs Act,
2021 (20 ILCS 3501/850-15)

Illinois Stretch Building Code

Illinois Stretch Building Code Adoption Grant: Round 3

OVERVIEW

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

In October 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency awarded the state of Illinois, through the Illinois EPA, \$430M under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement several initiatives and programs across 5 key sectors. These sectors include buildings, transportation, agriculture, power, and industry.

The Illinois Climate Bank received a subaward of \$137M to implement several initiatives and programs under the CPRG award that aligns with Illinois state policy and CEJA.

Stretch Code Adoption Grants: Program Snapshot

Grant Opportunity Name	Grant Type	Eligible Entities	Estimated Total Program Funding	Award Range	Anticipated Number of Awards	Current Application Due Date	Cost Match Requirements
Stretch Code Adoption Grants	Competitive Grant	Municipalities	\$18M over five years	Up to \$200,000 per award	Dozens	April 30, 2026	None

Stretch Code Adoption Grants: Program Purpose



The Stretch Building Code Grant Program provides financial support for municipalities to adopt, implement, and enforce the Illinois Stretch Energy Code. Funding supports education, community engagement, and technical assistance to help municipalities integrate the stretch code into their regulatory frameworks.



Eligible applicants are **municipalities** defined under the Energy Efficient Building Act (20 ILCS 3125/1) as any city, village, or incorporated town.

Stretch Code Adoption Grants: Objectives



Municipal Awareness & Capacity Building



Community Engagement & Education



Incremental Code Modernization



Emissions Reductions & Energy Efficiency

Stretch Code Adoption Grants: Eligible and Non-eligible Activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Eligible Activities



- Staff time for education, training, and capacity building
- Municipal leadership and City Council education
- Community outreach and public engagement
- Hiring external consultants or organizations
- Staged code modernization and incremental base code updates
- Technical assistance for code compliance and implementation
- Contractor and industry professional training
- Cost-benefit analysis to support stretch code adoption

Non-Eligible Activities



- Activities unrelated to stretch code adoption/implementation, or base code updates where applicable
- Equipment purchases or rental
- Lobbying activities or union organizing

See NOFO for additional eligible and non-eligible activities: <https://illinoisclimatebank.com/wp-content/uploads/cprg-07-nofo.pdf>

MEEA Technical Support

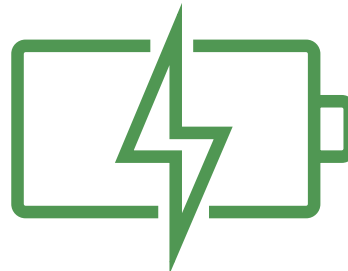
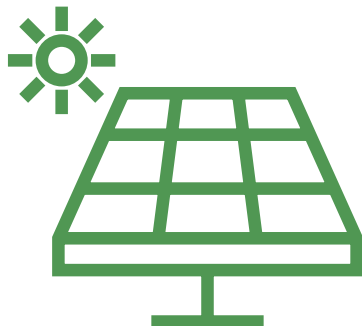
Q&A

Contact for Further Questions

This presentation and questions and answers from today's webinar will be posted on the Climate Bank's website:

- Illinois Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: <https://illinoiscclimatebank.com/financing-programs/local-governments-nonprofits/stretch-building-code-adoption-support/>

If you have further questions, please send them to ClimateBank@IL-FA.com by the date that questions are closing, listed in the program NOFO.





Private Activity Bonds

IFA issues tax-exempt qualified private activity bonds for 501(c)(3) organizations and other conduit borrowers. Borrowers work with banks, underwriters, or placement agents of their own choosing.



State Small Business Credit Initiative

IFA provides low-cost financing to small businesses for eligible climate-related projects.



Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Bonds

IFA has statewide authorization to issue bonds and notes to fund eligible building improvements in any PACE area. Eligible improvements include energy efficiency, renewable energy, water use, and EV charging stations. Projects located in Cook County are not currently eligible.



Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund

IFA offers low-interest loans for energy efficiency improvements to commercial or multi-family buildings. Buildings must have undergone an energy audit or assessment.