

## MSEC Communities

### Counties

- Anne Arundel County
- Frederick County
- Garrett County
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Talbot County

### Municipalities

- Aberdeen
- Baltimore City
- Bladensburg
- Boonsboro
- Capitol Heights
- College Park
- Cottage City
- Denton
- Edmonston
- Emmitsburg
- Forest Heights
- Glenarden
- Greenbelt
- Highland Beach
- Hyattsville
- Landover Hills
- Manchester
- Mount Rainier
- Princess Anne
- Rock Hall
- Rockville
- Seat Pleasant
- Takoma Park
- Taneytown
- Thurmont
- University Park
- Westminster

*\*Communities are not officially recognized as Smart Energy Communities until they've adopted policies and completed supporting documentation*



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## Program Overview

### Goal

The overall goal of the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) program is to have local governments adopt policies and commit to them for the long term, leading to sustained energy savings and additional opportunities for renewable energy development.

### Eligibility

Any Maryland local government (city, town, or county) can become a Maryland Smart Energy Community.

### Becoming a Smart Energy Community

To be designated as a Smart Energy Community, a Maryland local government must:

1. Adopt two of the three policies specified by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)
2. Submit an energy and or transportation baseline
3. Develop an action plan towards the selected policy goals

## Policy Goals

Local Governments must adopt two of the three policies:

### Energy Efficiency

Reduce energy consumption of city/ town of county owned buildings by 15% within five years of their community's selected baseline year.



### Renewable Energy

Increase community's renewable energy capacity to meet 20% of their locally owned government buildings' electricity demand by 2022.



### Transportation Petroleum Reduction

Reduce petroleum fuel consumption for all local government vehicles by 20% within five years of their community's selected baseline year.



## Program Benefits

Local governments participating in the Smart Energy Community program become eligible for grant funding from MEA to be used for energy-related projects. More than **\$4 million in grant funding** was available in the program's first year with most communities receiving between \$35,000 and \$500,000 .

Becoming a Smart Energy Community will result in:

- Funding for energy-related projects
- Reduced utility and fuel expenses
- Support of local sustainability
- Greenhouse gas emissions reduction
- Statewide recognition

### Technical Assistance

MEA and the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland will provide technical assistance and support to the local governments as they adopt the policies. Assistance includes:

- Templates for policy goals, baselines, and action plans
- Assistance in selecting cost effective energy reduction projects
- Webinars and office hours