



COOL SCHOOLS PHASE 5

K-12 Public Schools Energy Efficiency Projects Opportunity Announcement

January 16, 2015

The Oregon Department of Energy invites all K-12 public school districts to register for this latest Cool Schools opportunity. School districts interested in increasing energy efficiency, reducing energy use, reducing energy costs, and enhancing learning environments in school facilities are encouraged to take advantage of the latest offerings.

A special one-time grant of up to \$400,000 will be available to K-12 public school districts to implement deep energy retrofits in order to achieve substantial savings, reduce their cost of energy, and improve the learning environment at kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) facilities.

Phase 5 will continue to offer business and technical assistance to K-12 public school districts currently planning for energy efficiency and energy saving projects (see below for more details). School districts with existing energy saving projects identified through prior phases of Cool Schools are encouraged to apply.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

- Total grant funding of up to \$400,000 is available for deep energy retrofit projects in school facilities. Total available grant funding (\$400,000) may be awarded to one or more projects.
- Potential retrofit projects may address: space condition and water heating, ventilation, lighting, thermal envelope, alternative energy systems, retrofitting school bus fleets, alternative energy systems and other projects designed to increase the efficiency of energy using systems in K-12 public schools.
- Focus on instructional facilities.

A grant opportunity pre-application webinar will be held on Thursday, January 29. Grant opportunity announcement, pre-application conference and other information may be found at www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SCHOOLS/COOL_SCHOOLS and Oregon Procurement Information

Network (ORPIN) <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll/welcome> (RFGA Number 14-038, ORPIN Number 330-1032-14).

Additional Phase 5 Cool Schools Program assistance includes:

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Review of existing energy audits
- Review of existing planning/project documents
- Additional energy efficiency project identification via walk-through energy audits of school facilities

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Identification of financing opportunities
- Pro Forma development
- Business case development

If you are interested in learning more about Cool Schools Phase 5, please visit us at www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SCHOOLS/COOL_SCHOOLS or contact us by either calling us at 503-378-4040 or emailing us at Cool.Schools@state.or.us. Please include the following information:

- School District
- School(s)
- Contact Name
- Contact Email
- Contact Phone
- Project Description
- Project goals

NOTE: Participation in this opportunity announcement does not obligate a school district to participate in any current or future Oregon Department of Energy program.

Cool Schools is a voluntary four-year pilot designed to accelerate energy efficiency investments in all of Oregon's 197 public schools districts. The initiative provides a combination of technical and business assistance, and leverages financial resources such as the Small-scale Energy Loan Program, to support project development. Cool Schools is a complementary effort for the public schools in PGE and Pacific Power territory that receive public purpose charge funds for required energy audits and measures.

