



Michigan Saves Climate Fund

Program Highlights

Supported by funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Michigan Saves offers low-cost financing for large-scale renewable energy, energy efficiency, building and transportation electrification, and other clean energy projects throughout Michigan. The Michigan Saves Climate Fund is tailored for businesses, nonprofits, and governmental organizations and provides loans and other financing arrangements up to \$10 million, with options to partner alongside other lenders using Michigan Saves’ capital or credit enhancements. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through a request for applications process.

Prioritizing impact, Michigan Saves is committed to ensuring that at least half of its financed projects serve low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), and we also encourage projects that benefit rural and tribal areas.

Michigan Saves Climate Fund Summary

Eligible properties and entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For-profit businesses • Nonprofit organizations • Local governments (cities, counties, townships, etc.) • Public school districts or institutions of higher education • Tribal governments • Electric, natural gas, steam, and sustainable energy utilities <p><i>Residential customers are not eligible directly, but financing is available for financial intermediaries that serve residential customers.</i></p>
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net-zero buildings (e.g., energy efficiency and electrification in retrofitted buildings, net-zero new construction) • Distributed generation and energy storage (e.g., battery storage and solar) • Zero-emission transportation (e.g., EV charging infrastructure and fleets) <p><i>The Climate Fund will prioritize projects that are ready for execution.</i></p>
Priority areas/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 50 percent of financed projects located in LIDAC communities (see Appendix A in the request for application for details) • Also prioritizing rural and tribal areas
Financing types available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge loan • Construction loan • Term loan • Working capital • Loan loss reserve or other credit enhancement • Participation loan (providing capital as part of another lender’s financing) • Bond or note • Act 99 or installment purchase agreements
Financing amounts	Up to \$10 million* Minimum \$500,000
Interest rate	As low as 2.99%
Terms	Varies, targeting portfolios with average of seven-year tenor
Fees and expenses	No application fee; origination and due diligence fees subject to LIDAC applicability

* Higher amounts will be considered based on overall portfolio and project benefits.

Benefits

Affordable, Flexible Financing

Michigan Saves offers financing options tailored to meet your unique clean energy goals, helping you cut operating costs and reduce emissions.

Federal Tax Incentives

You can utilize available upfront financing to leverage substantial tax incentives through the Inflation Reduction Act for energy efficiency, renewable energy, battery storage, and transportation electrification.

Expedited Project Support

An efficient process keeps your project moving forward.

How Does The Process Work

- 1 Start with a consultation**

Contact Michigan Saves through our [intake form](#) to discuss your project's suitability for the program. Property owners, project developers, contractors, or lending partners can reach out to explore financing options. Before your call, review the request for applications to ensure a smooth consultation.
- 2 Submit your application**

Once your project is confirmed as a good fit for the Michigan Saves Climate Fund, complete the [request for applications form](#) to begin the formal process.
- 3 Receive guidance throughout the process**

Michigan Saves will review your application and contact you for additional information as needed. Our team will support you through every step, from structuring the financing to managing underwriting and origination, ensuring your project stays on track.

