

# The California Energy Commission

# The California Clean Energy Jobs Act

# Proposition 39

## Background

The California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39) changed the corporate income tax code and allocates projected revenue to the General Fund and the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund for five fiscal years, beginning with fiscal year 2013-14. Under the initiative, roughly up to \$550 million annually is available for appropriation by the Legislature for eligible energy projects such as energy efficiency upgrades and clean energy generation at schools.

Over the next five years, Proposition 39 will transfer an estimated \$2.5 billion in new revenues to create clean energy jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and save energy and costs for schools.

Follow-up legislation (Senate Bill 73, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2013 and Senate Bill 852, Leno, Chapter 25, Statutes of 2014) allocated Prop. 39 funds to California's K-12 schools and community colleges. Senate Bill 73 also codified the California Energy Commission as the lead agency for the K-12 portion of the program. The bill also put into place accountability requirements to ensure funds deliver the expected outcomes.

## Program Eligibility

California local education agencies (LEAs) – including public school districts (K-12), charter schools, state special schools, and county offices of education – are eligible to submit proposed eligible energy projects to the Energy Commission. The Energy Commission approves LEA Energy Expenditure Plans and works with the California Department of Education, which distributes funding after plans are approved.

California's community college districts are also eligible to receive Prop. 39 funds through the Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

## 2014-15 Funding Availability

For the fiscal year 2014-15, the California Legislature appropriated:

- » **\$279 million** to LEAs for energy efficiency and clean energy projects. Amounts received by local school districts vary based on a formula of average daily attendance and the number of students eligible to receive free and reduced-priced meals in the prior year.
- » **\$25.2 million** to the Energy Commission's Energy Conservation Assistance Act-Education (ECAA-Ed), a no-interest revolving loan program for LEAs.
- » **\$2.8 million** to the Energy Commission Bright School's program for energy audits and other technical assistance for LEAs.
- » **\$39 million** to California community college districts for energy efficiency and clean energy projects.
- » **\$3 million** to the California Workforce Investment Board to develop and implement a competitive grant program for eligible workforce training organizations to prepare disadvantaged youth, veterans, and others for employment in clean energy fields.
- » **\$5 million** to the California Conservation Corps to perform energy surveys and other energy conservation-related activities.

# Eligible Projects

Eligible energy projects include, but are not limited to:

- » Repairs to heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems.
- » New chillers, boilers and furnaces.
- » New lighting and lighting control systems.
- » Installation of energy-efficient windows, programmable thermostats, and thermal window shades.
- » On-site clean energy generation, such as solar photovoltaic.

# How to Apply

The Energy Commission helps schools with their funding applications. An online suite of tools and a toll-free hotline are available to help applicants evaluate energy needs, develop Energy Expenditure Plans and implement eligible energy projects.

The Energy Commission Prop. 39 web page includes all of the necessary forms that LEAs need to complete an Energy Expenditure Plan. The web page also includes frequently asked questions and a handbook that explains how LEAs are to complete their Energy Expenditure Plans.

For more information visit: [www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/proposition39/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/proposition39/index.html)

# More Questions

LEAs are encouraged to call the Prop. 39 Hotline (toll-free for those in California: 855-380-8722, and a toll line for those out-of-state: 916- 653-0392) or email questions to Energy Commission staff at [Prop39@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Prop39@energy.ca.gov).

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