

Eligible Uses of the ACPS:

2004 law: Grants and loans for new solar projects

2016 Clean Energy Jobs Act:

- loans and grants to support the creation of new solar energy sources in the state
- Provide pre-apprenticeship job training for careers in the clean energy industry
 - Priority on strategic industry partnerships that support:
 - individuals from economically distressed areas with high rates of unemployment or that earn less than 80% of area median income
 - Individuals with disadvantages to enters into the labor force including:
 - Homelessness
 - Prior Criminal Records
 - Receipt of Public Assistance
 - Unemployment with no high school education
 - Veterans
 - Former Foster Care Youth
 - Cooperation with community colleges or other local government organizations
- Provide career paths for workers from within the clean energy industry or associated industries to advance their careers within the clean energy industry
- Invest in the promotion, development, and implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation programs, projects, or activities, including measurement and verification of energy savings
- Renewable and clean energy resources; climate change programs directly related to reducing or mitigating the effects of climate change
- Invest in the promotion, development, and implementation of demand response programs that are designed to promote changes in electric usage by customers in response to changes in the price of electricity over time; or incentives designed to induce lower electricity use at times of high wholesale market prices or when system reliability is jeopardized;
- to provide targeted programs, projects, activities, and investments to reduce electricity consumption by customers in the low-income and moderate-income residential sectors
- to provide supplemental funds for low-income energy assistance through the Electric Universal Service Program and other electric assistance programs in the Department of Human Resources;
- to provide rate relief by offsetting electricity rates of residential customers, including an offset of surcharges imposed on ratepayers
- to provide grants, loans, and other assistance and investment as necessary and appropriate to implement the purposes of the Program
- to implement energy-related public education and outreach initiatives regarding reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions
- to provide rebates under the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program

- to provide grants to encourage combined heat and power projects at industrial facilities
- to invest in pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, and other workforce development programs to establish career paths in the clean energy industry under § 11–708.1 of the labor and employment article - **mandated appropriation: \$10 million (separate from Maryland EARN)**
- to provide access to capital for minority, and women-owned businesses in the clean energy industry - **mandated annual investment: \$30 million**
- to pay the expenses of the Program