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## Solar Grant Options & Energy Efficiency Tax Incentives

*for Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia*

### GRANT OPTIONS

#### Maryland Energy Administration - **Solar Energy Grant Program**

- This program applies to both businesses and individuals. The amounts granted are as follows:
  - \* Solar water heating property – 20% of system costs (up to \$2,000)
  - \* Residential photovoltaic property – 20% of system costs (up to \$3,000)
  - \* Non residential photovoltaic property – 20% of system costs (up to \$5,000)
- All the application forms and procedures can be found at <http://www.energy.state.md.us/programs/renewable/solargrant/index.html>. No deadline has been specified, but applications are still being accepted for 2007.
- For Q&A about this program, please visit: [http://www.energy.state.md.us/programs/renewable/solargrant/Questions\\_and\\_Answers.pdf](http://www.energy.state.md.us/programs/renewable/solargrant/Questions_and_Answers.pdf)

For general information, email [meainfo@energy.state.md.us](mailto:meainfo@energy.state.md.us) or call **1-800-72ENERGY**.

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#### DC Energy Office – **Reliable Energy Trust Fund**

- Grants from this program are offered to businesses, individuals, and institutions. Grants awarded by this program:
  - \* Apply to installation of electricity generation apparatus powered by a renewable source of fuel on which construction has not yet begun
  - \* Can cover up to 50% of the system cost (\$450,000 available total, amount given per applicant dependent upon the following factors: technology (25pts), duplicability (20 pts), environmental friendliness (15 pts), budget (10 pts), educational component (10 pts), location (10 pts), net metering (5 pts), and residential use (5pts))
- The deadline for this application is **April 2, 2007**.
- A detailed document outlining the requirements and procedures for applying for a solar grant in the District of Columbia can be found at:  
<http://dceo.dc.gov/dceo/frames.asp?doc=/dceo/lib/dceo/REDPGrant3.pdf>

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### Virginia

Virginia currently does not have any grant programs, but there are some incentives provided by local governments (please see the next section).

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES

### Maryland

For a detailed listing of all incentives offered, please visit the official website:

<http://www.dsireusa.org/library/includes/map2.cfm?CurrentPageID=1&State=MD&RE=1&EE=1>

The incentives for Maryland include:

- \* Corporate tax credit (commercial) - 6-8% Green Bldg; 20-25% PV; 25% Wind  
<http://www.energy.state.md.us/programs/commercial/greenbuilding/index.html>
- \* Montgomery County clean energy rewards: 1¢/kWh residents, 1.5¢/kWh commercial  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/deptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/rewards.asp>
- \* Clean energy production incentive (residential) - 0.85¢/kWh
- \* Corporate property tax credit for corporate buildings using a certified renewable energy source to cool or heat their building
- \* Wood heating fuel exemption (biomass, residential)
- \* Energy Star home program (home buyers) - may include discount on interest rates, cash back at closing  
<http://www.smeco.com/energy/energystar/index.html>

### District of Columbia

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<http://www.dsireusa.org/library/includes/map2.cfm?CurrentPageID=1&State=DC&RE=1&EE=1>

The incentives for the District of Columbia include:

- \* Residential energy conservation tax credit (10% to 25% for renovations (max \$500/yr), 5% for purchase price for new homes (max \$2,000/yr))
- \* Residential Energy Star appliance rebate (Room Air Conditioners: \$50, Refrigerators: \$100, Washing Machines: \$150)  
<http://dceo.dc.gov/dceo/cwp/view,a,3,q,601835,dceoNav,|32974|,asp>

### Virginia

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The incentives for Virginia include:

- \* Solar manufacturing incentive (business) of a total of up to \$4.5 million/yr
- \* Local property tax (commercial and residential) exemption for solar  
\*\*This exemption is currently only offered in: Albemarle, Alexandria, Charlottesville, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Fairfax, Falls Church, Hampton, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, King and Queen, Loudoun, Lynchburg, Prince William, Pulaski, Richlands, Roanoke, Spotsylvania, Warren, Wise