



## GEORGIA HOUSE BILL 473 CLEAN ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

This legislation (passed and signed) sets up a clean energy grant program to be administered by GEFA, **if and only if**, federal funds are available to GEFA. Only non-single family residential/commercial installations qualify for the grants. The grant program will be administered by GEFA under the same terms and conditions of the current law (OCGA 48-7-29.14) and the applicant can not apply for both the grant and the state income tax credit.

- The clean energy property tax credits apply to solar, wind, energy efficiency projects, geothermal heat pumps, and certain biomass equipment for making electricity.
- Quality standards, such as Energy Star for geothermal heat pumps and a high efficiency prescriptive standard (exceeding ASHRAE 90.1.2004 by 30%) for lighting and buildings, determine eligibility for the grant.

**Provisions of Clean Energy Grant Program:** The clean energy grant program is based on the cost of energy efficiency projects and renewable energy property placed into service in Georgia. The maximum grant for each installation is limited to the lesser of either 35% of the cost of the clean energy property or the caps as identified in the chart.

CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY Commercial Projects	GRANT LIMIT (MAX 35% OF COST)
SOLAR ELECTRIC (PV)	\$500,000 per Installation
SOLAR THERMAL WATER HEATING	\$100,000 per Installation
WIND	\$500,000 per Installation
GEOHERMAL HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS	\$100,000 per Installation
LIGHTING RETROFIT*	\$0.60 per Square Foot up to \$100,000
ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS*	\$1.80 per Square Foot up to \$100,000

**\*Lighting Retrofit Projects.** 'Lighting retrofit project' means a lighting retrofit system that employs dual switching (ability to switch roughly half the lights off and still have fairly uniform light distribution), delamping, daylighting, relamping, or other controls or processes which reduce annual energy and power consumption by 30 percent compared to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers 90.1-2004 standard.

**\*Energy Efficient buildings.** 'Energy Efficient building' means for other than single-family residential property, new or retrofitting buildings that are designed, constructed, and certified to exceed the standards set forth in the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers 90.1 2004 standard by 30 percent.

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