

# Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESP) Opportunity Assessment Process for Local Governments

## PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Upgrades are in Public Buildings or at publicly owned facilities (more facilities and example projects at [mncerts.org/gesp#do](http://mncerts.org/gesp#do)).
- Bundle together enough energy conservation measures or renewables for a minimum project value of \$300,000.
- Potential to save minimum of 20% of annual utility budget (requires some low-hanging energy conservation measures).
- Ability to pay for project between 5-25 years with savings in utility budget. This can also include buying down cost with bonds, grants, other funds.
- City Council, County Board, or School Board is open to approve an alternative method of contracting & financing enabled by state statute to implement the upgrades.

## LEARNING & DETAILS

If your potential project fits the program qualifications, contact the Outreach Coordinator to:

- Learn more about the program
- Prep to talk to MN Dept. of Commerce Program Manager about your potential project
- Schedule a time to go through the opportunity assessment of your potential project

## OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT

Next, staff at the MN Dept. of Commerce will assess opportunities for your potential project and GESP. If the project is a good fit for the program, you will receive the information needed to draft a Joint Powers Agreement to enter into GESP.

*The Outreach Coordinator can also provide a presentation about GESP to management and facility staff.*

## JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Congrats! Your local government's project is a good fit for GESP. Now your City Council, County Board, or School Board needs to approve and sign the Joint Powers Agreement to move forward with GESP.



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**Call anytime with questions,  
we're here to help!**

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