

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).
- 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.



**GUARANTEED
ENERGY
SAVINGS
PROGRAM**

mncerts.org/gesp

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

Peter Berger
Minnesota Department of Commerce
peter.berger@state.mn.us
651-539-1850