

# Cook County Energy Efficiency Program

## Find Energy Cost Savings FREE of Charge



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in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy



The Delta Institute is providing free energy efficiency services to commercial buildings, industrial facilities, owner-occupied non-profit organizations, and places of worship in eligible communities throughout Suburban Cook County and the City of Chicago.

Services include:

- FREE energy audit with analysis;
- FREE implementation assistance;
- FREE assistance obtaining government & utility incentives;
- FREE funding for retro-commissioning;
- FREE installation services; and
- Loans for energy efficiency capital improvements.

These services are made possible by a \$2.5 million federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) to Cook County, which selected the Delta Institute to administer the funds.

For more information, please visit our website or contact Wyllys Mann, Delta Program Director, at [wmann@delta-institute.org](mailto:wmann@delta-institute.org) or (312) 554-0900 x27.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

We welcome entities of all sizes. Depending on where you live in Cook County, you may be eligible if you are a commercial building, industrial facility, owner-occupied non-profit organization, or place of worship.

#### WHAT IS AN IGA?

An Investment Grade Audit (IGA) is one of the best tools to identify energy savings opportunities and understand the costs and payback periods associated with implementation. The IGAs offered through this program:

- Provide clear energy saving predictions to reduce the level of uncertainty about energy efficiency strategies;
- Establish a well-defined energy cost baseline;
- Establish a dialogue on energy efficiency opportunities; and
- Identify funding options.

#### WHO CAN APPLY FOR A LOAN?

Financing opportunities are available through Delta in partnership with Green Choice Bank. We are offering flexible loans for investing in energy-saving strategies. This program is available to eligible facilities that:

- Completed an energy audit in the last 3 years or are willing to complete a free energy audit now;
- Desire an affordable loan for facility improvements identified in the qualified energy audit;
- Are located in eligible areas of Cook County; and
- Meet the lender's underwriting requirements.

#### WHY HAVE AN ENERGY AUDIT?

On average, 30% of energy used by facilities is either used inefficiently or wasted. Becoming more efficient can improve your bottom line.

# Eligibility Details

## SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

Eligible Suburban Cook County entities include:

- Commercial Buildings
- Industrial Facilities
- Owner-Occupied Non-Profit Organizations
- Places of Worship

Eligible communities (within Cook County boundaries only) include:

|                    |                  |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Alsip              | Hometown         | Roselle          |
| Barrington         | Homer Glen       | Rosemont         |
| Barrington Hills   | Homewood         | Sauk Village     |
| Bedford Park       | Indian Head Park | Schiller Park    |
| Bellwood           | Inverness        | South Barrington |
| Bensenville        | Justice          | South Chicago    |
| Berkeley           | Kenilworth       | Heights          |
| Blue Island        | La Grange        | South Holland    |
| Bridgeview         | La Grange Park   | Steger           |
| Broadview          | Lansing          | Stickney         |
| Brookfield         | Lemont           | Stone Park       |
| Buffalo Grove      | Lincolnwood      | Summit           |
| Burbank            | Lynwood          | Thornton         |
| Burnham            | Lyons            | University Park  |
| Burr Ridge         | Markham          | Westchester      |
| Calumet Park       | Matteson         | Western Springs  |
| Chicago Heights    | Maywood          | Wheeling         |
| Chicago Ridge      | McCook           | Willow Springs   |
| Country Club Hills | Melrose Park     | Wilmette         |
| Countryside        | Merrionette Park | Winnetka         |
| Crestwood          | Midlothian       | Woodridge        |
| Deer Park          | Morton Grove     | Worth            |
| Deerfield          | Niles            |                  |
| Dixmoor            | Norridge         |                  |
| Dolton             | North Riverside  |                  |
| East Dundee        | Northbrook       |                  |
| East Hazel Crest   | Northfield       |                  |
| Elk Grove Village  | Northlake        |                  |
| Elmwood Park       | Oak Forest       |                  |
| Evergreen Park     | Oak Park         |                  |
| Flossmoor          | Olympia Fields   |                  |
| Ford Heights       | Orland Hills     |                  |
| Forest Park        | Palos Heights    |                  |
| Forest View        | Palos Hills      |                  |
| Frankfort          | Palos Park       |                  |
| Franklin Park      | Park Forest      |                  |
| Glencoe            | Phoenix          |                  |
| Glenwood           | Posen            |                  |
| Golf               | Prospect Heights |                  |
| Harvey             | Richton Park     |                  |
| Harwood Heights    | River Forest     |                  |
| Hazel Crest        | River Grove      |                  |
| Hickory Hills      | Riverdale        |                  |
| Hillside           | Riverside        |                  |
| Hinsdale           | Robbins          |                  |
| Hodgkins           | Rolling Meadows  |                  |

## CITY OF CHICAGO

Eligible City of Chicago entities include:

- Commercial Buildings
- Industrial Facilities

Not all parts of Chicago are eligible. Eligible communities must be located in one of these two designated areas:

1. TIF-designated districts with Small Business Improvement Funds (SBIF). To find out if you are located in a SBIF, visit this website:
2. Districts designated as part of the Local Industrial Retention Initiative (LIRI). To find out if you are located in a LIRI Council District, contact the location nearest you. A list is on this website:

<http://www.somercor.com/sbif/am-i-in-a-sbif-district/>

[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/supp\\_info/local\\_industrialretentioninitiativeliricouncils.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/local_industrialretentioninitiativeliricouncils.html)

These links are also available from Delta's website. Go to [www.delta-institute.org/coochefficiency](http://www.delta-institute.org/coochefficiency) and click "eligibility."