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Matching grants now available for Energy Efficiency Improvements for industrial area businesses

Applications for a new matching grant program targeted to local businesses in our industrial areas are now being accepted.

The City of Iowa City is offering an energy efficiency incentive program designed to save your firm money while helping achieve the [City's emission reduction goals](#). Improving energy efficiency can be costly, which is why we are offering 50/50 matching grants in our commercial and industrial areas to assist in the improvements.

If your business is located in an urban renewal area shown on [this map](#), you may be eligible. These areas include:

- Sycamore & First Avenue
- City-University Project 1
- Highway 6 Commercial

These grants are available on a first come, first served basis, with up to \$250,000 to qualifying applicants pursuing projects in the following categories:

- Advanced heating & cooling systems
- Lighting system upgrades
- Building automation controls
- Solar power & water heating systems
- Insulation, high performance glass, & cool roofs
- Mechanical upgrades
- Alternative refrigerant systems

Both property owners and businesses that rent their facilities are eligible for this funding. An owner consent form is required for applicants who do not own the property they are seeking to upgrade.

In order to participate in this grant opportunity, applicants must be tax-paying entities. Nonprofits, churches, and other tax-exempt entities are encouraged to apply for Community Action Grants or Innovation Grants for energy efficiency or other climate related projects.

More information about these grant opportunities is available at icgov.org/ClimateActionGrants.
