

565—6.6(473) Funding and fees.

6.6(1) Objective. Building energy management programs are established to provide direct funding, grants, loans, leases, and alternative financing for conducting energy audits and technical engineering analyses and for implementing energy management improvements.

6.6(2) Funding and financing sources.

a. Funding for these programs may be from gifts, federal grants, state appropriations, and other sources.

b. Financing for these programs may be provided by private sources as arranged by the department.

c. Costs of a technical engineering analysis may be included in financing for the installation of energy management improvements.

6.6(3) Funding for energy audits and technical engineering analysis.

a. Short-term, interest-free loans and grants, as funds are available, will be provided by the department to mandated and eligible institutions upon request to pay the professional audit and engineering fees for energy audits and technical engineering analyses and to pay for the deferred billing of administrative costs recovery provided under subrule 6.6(5). Design costs for energy management improvements are considered for inclusion in the overall financing provisions of the building energy management programs.

b. Costs of the energy audits and technical engineering analyses, and payment for the recovery of administrative costs as provided under subrule 6.6(5), may be included in financing for the installation of energy management improvements, provided that within six months after the approval of the energy audits or the technical engineering analyses, the participating mandated and eligible institutions proceed to implement energy management improvements.

c. The energy loan program is established in the office of the treasurer of the state to be administered by the energy and geological resources division, department of natural resources, for making loans and grants to mandated and eligible institutions to complete technical engineering analyses. Funding for this program may come from gifts, federal funds, state appropriations, and other sources.

6.6(4) Funding for cost-effective energy management improvements.

a. Financing is available for all cost-effective energy management improvements identified in energy audits and technical engineering analyses.

b. Energy management improvement financing shall be supported by, but not limited to, payments from energy savings resulting from the energy management improvements.

6.6(5) Recovery of the programs' administrative costs. Participating mandated and eligible institutions shall help pay for the programs' administrative costs. Payment to the department shall be made within six months of the approval of submitted energy audits or technical engineering analyses, based upon a sliding scale related to the total square footage of each building in the program, or on a case-by-case basis as agreed upon in advance by a mandated or eligible institution and the department, in accordance with schedules adopted and periodically updated by the department.