# Residential Energy Efficiency Grant for Upper Peninsula Vulnerable Households Funding Opportunity Announced

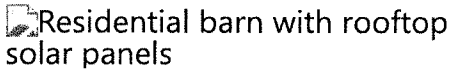
The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announces its Residential Energy Efficiency and Retrofit Grants for Upper Peninsula Vulnerable Households Request for Proposals (RFP).

A maximum of $50,000 per household for up to 30 eligible households is available to improve energy efficiency and provide energy and financial savings to income-qualified households. The grant will support projects that:

- Reduce household utility bills through investing in a package of cost-effective energy measures for medically vulnerable and vulnerable Upper Peninsula Michigan households.
- Improve energy resilience and household comfort.

Grant funded measures must be recommended by an energy auditor as a cost-effective package and may include:

- Health and safety measures, such as:
  - Asbestos or mold remediation
  - Upgrades necessary for energy efficiency measures
- Energy efficiency measures, such as:
  - Air sealing
  - Insulation
  - Duct cleaning and sealing
- Solar and storage (together only), and
- Heat pumps


Residential barn with rooftop solar panels

Eligible applicants must be customers of one of the following Upper Peninsula electric utilities:

- Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association,
- Marquette Board of Light and Power, or
- Upper Peninsula Power Company

In addition, eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- low-income eligibility (see RFP for income requirements),
- own the home where improvements will be made,
- have at least one medically vulnerable household member or has at least one member that meets the following criteria:
  - Is a child under 5 years of age.
  - Is an individual with a disability.
  - Is an individual who is 60 years of age or older.
  - Is an individual who has experienced homelessness in the preceding 12 months and who needs energy assistance to secure housing.

Priority will be given to eligible low-income homeowners that have at least one medically

vulnerable household member in need of lifesaving or life-improving medical devices dependent on electricity as determined by:

- presence on utility's critical care customer list or
- through self-attestation.

As specified in the RFP, Superior Watershed Partnership is available to help their customers apply. The deadline to apply is **September 30, 2026**. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis until 30 households are selected, or funding is expended, whichever is earliest.

The RFP, grant information, application materials, and information about the application process can be found at Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (EERLF) Grants.

Anyone seeking assistance in completing the application can email Superior Watershed Partnership for more information at meap@superiorwatersheds.org or call 906-273-2742. For questions about the RFP for EGLE, please contact the Energy Investment and Deployment Section at EGLE-MMD-EID-Section@Michigan.gov.

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