

Loan Program Title: Energy Conservation Assistance Act – Low-Interest Loans

Funding Agency: California Energy Commission

Award Amount: The maximum loan amount is the lesser of **\$3 million**

Brief Description:

The Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) program provides 1 percent interest loans for eligible energy projects including energy storage systems, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects to California Native American Tribes and public institutions.

Eligibility:

Public Colleges/Universities

Eligible Project Types:

Projects with proven energy or demand cost savings or both are eligible. Examples of projects include:

- Lighting system upgrades.
- Pumps and motors.
- Streetlights and LED traffic signals.
- Energy management systems and equipment controls.
- Building insulation.
- Energy generation includes renewable and combined-heat-and-power projects.
- Heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning equipment.
- Water and wastewater treatment equipment.
- Load-shifting projects, such as thermal energy storage.
- Energy storage systems.
- Electric vehicle charging infrastructure used to power public fleets.

Proposed projects must be technically and economically feasible.

Loan Information

- The maximum loan amount is the lesser of \$3 million, total project cost, or total energy cost savings from the project
- The interest rate is 1 percent for the term of the loan.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are awarded. Contact the California Energy Commission for funding availability before applying.

Program Link:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/energy-conservation-assistance-act/low-interest-loans>

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