



# Opportunities for School Facility Improvements

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## How to Fund School Improvements:

### Elementary and Secondary School Energy Relief Fund (ESSER)

Funding can be used to cover facilities upgrades or expansion to address challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. This may include repairs or upgrades to the HVAC system, including filtration, that enables a safer on-site environment for pupils and teachers.

### Renew America's Schools Program

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) launched the \$500 million Renew America's Schools Program to promote the implementation of clean energy improvements at K-12 public schools across the country. This first-of-its-kind investment, funded by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), aims to help school communities make energy upgrades that will lower utilities costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments. The Renew America's Schools grant is the program's flagship funding opportunity. This competitive award focuses on funding infrastructure upgrades at K-12 public school facilities, prioritizing high-need school communities.



STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

[energy.gov/scep/renew-americas-schools](https://energy.gov/scep/renew-americas-schools)

### ASHRAE is a Partner with DOE and LBNL in the Efficient and Healthy Schools Program

The U.S. Department of Energy's Efficient and Healthy Schools Program offers direct technical assistance to participating schools and districts interested in improving energy performance, advancing resilience, and promoting a healthy learning environment. This free assistance is offered through direct communication with the school, informational webinars, introduction to resources and best practices, and signposting funding opportunities for facilities improvements. Our Program welcomes all K-12 schools and districts to join and access one-on-one support to find the right resources for your schools.



Participating schools and districts can gain national recognition for their exemplary efforts to improve school facilities. Supporters such as designers, engineers, consultants, and program implementers can encourage schools to sign up for the Program and apply for recognition. Last year, our Program recognized 17 schools and districts from 15 states that achieved substantial energy savings and greatly improved the learning environment through indoor air quality, lighting, and building control improvements. You can view their success stories on our website or email us at [schools@lbl.gov](mailto:schools@lbl.gov) for more information.

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