

## **DEP Grants Available to Small Businesses**

On behalf of Governor Wolf and DEP Secretary McDonnell, I am pleased to announce the opening of the 14th round of the Small Business Advantage Grant.

The \$1,000,000 grant is designed to assist small businesses in employing pollution prevention or energy efficiency measures into their operations. Pennsylvania-based small businesses with less than 100 employees are eligible. Businesses are able to receive a 50% reimbursement match on new equipment or processes which save a minimum of \$500 and reduce their energy or waste by 25% per year. The grant maximum is \$9,500 for energy efficiency or pollution projects, or \$7,000 for lighting-only upgrades.

Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. In 2016, we exhausted our \$1M grant in a little over 3 months. I urge you to apply as soon as possible.

New this year is an on-line application process, making it easier to apply and allowing us to get the grants into the hands of small businesses faster. Paper applications will no longer be accepted. Given this new process, we will be conducting a webinar to take you through the step-by-step procedures for completing the application. The webinar will also provide a discussion on program changes for 2017.

The 1-Hour webinar will be held on Friday, July 28 at 11:00 a.m. The Internet and call-in information is:

Internet and Audio: Web Link <https://copa.webex.com/copa/onstage/g.php...>

For Audio only: Phone Number 1-650-479-3208: Passcode 648 338 625

The full 2017 Grant Guidance, including all requirements, step-by-step instructions, and other necessary forms can be found on DEP's Small Business Advantage Grant webpage. Applicants are advised to carefully review the guidance document, which has been updated for 2017.

Again, I urge you to apply soon. Feel free to distribute this e-mail to others you think would find interest in this program.

If I can assist you with questions regarding your application submission, please don't hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Have a great afternoon.

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