



NYSERDA

Energy Code Enforcement Training

A High-Impact Action for the Clean Energy Communities Program

Communities and Local Government Team at NYSERDA

Clean Energy Communities Program

Provides **rewards and recognition** to city, town, village, and county governments that demonstrate clean energy leadership

STEP 1: Earn the **Clean Energy Communities** designation by completing **4 out of 10 high-impact actions**

STEP 2: Access **grant funding**, up to \$250K with no local cost share, to support additional clean energy projects

Dedicated and knowledgeable local coordinators are available to assist communities as they implement high-impact actions i.e. free on-demand technical support, decision support, step-by-step guidance, case studies, model ordinances, RFPs, etc.

10 High-Impact Actions

1. Benchmarking
2. Clean Energy Upgrades
3. LED Street Lights
4. Clean Fleets
5. Solarize
6. Unified Solar Permit
7. Energy Code Enforcement Training
8. Climate Smart Communities Certification
9. Community Choice Aggregation
10. Energize NY Finance



Energy Code Enforcement Training

- The Energy Code is a minimum building standard for energy efficiency, applicable to new construction and renovation of commercial and residential buildings in New York State.
- The Energy Code is a complex document and one of nine building codes in New York State, making implementation and enforcement complex and time consuming.
- Since buildings represent roughly 60% of New York's total energy consumption, there is significant opportunity for energy savings through improved Energy Code compliance.
- This free training focuses on what code enforcement officials need to know about the Energy Code in the context of its practical application on active construction projects.

Requirements

Demonstrate completion of the Energy Code Enforcement Training action as follows:

For small and medium-size communities (0-39,999 population)

At least one code official must complete a NYSERDA-approved Clean Energy Communities Energy Code Enforcement Training series including both residential and commercial workshops. Small and medium-size communities that enrolled in the Energy Code Enforcement Training prior to August 8, 2017 may complete the requirements as they were originally defined at enrollment, provided the community completes the training by April 1, 2018, or they have the option of participating in the offering as described above.

For large-size communities (40,000+ population)

This training module begins with a preliminary orientation meeting and is followed by collaborative plans review and joint onsite inspection (the footing and foundation inspection and the final inspection are not eligible) of two (2) building projects, followed by a close-out meeting summarizing the results of the module, including key considerations and guidance for moving forward. The local code enforcement officer and at least two other municipal staff, officials, or planning board and zoning board of appeals members must participate in the preliminary meeting and close-out meeting. The entire building department staff is encouraged to participate in all aspects of the training.

Submit a copy of the notification of completion email, or comparable information to earn credit for this action. For more information or to enroll in the training program, please send an email to cec@nyserdera.ny.gov or visit www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec.

The Bottom Line

Local government officials that implement Energy Code Enforcement Training can expect to:

- ✓ Receive free training in the community
- ✓ Focus on the practical application of the code
- ✓ Save energy at a community-wide scale

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