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Program Description

Green Jobs – Green New York provides funding for energy assessments, low-cost financing for energy upgrades, and technical and financial support to develop a clean energy workforce. GJGNY is a statewide effort to strengthen communities through energy efficiency and uses constituency-based organizations to support program outreach in underserved communities. GJGNY enables New Yorkers to make a significant difference in homes, businesses and neighborhoods—making them more comfortable, more sustainable, and more economically sound. GJGNY is administered by NYSERDA and made available by the Green Jobs – Green New York Act of 2009.



1 Workforce Development

The Green Jobs – Green New York Program supports a broad range of education and training programs aimed at creating an experienced green collar workforce. This workforce will have the relevant skills and credentials needed to support New York State's growing clean energy economy. The workforce training programs help meet the demand for energy efficiency and renewable energy measures and technologies. Through public-private partnerships, Workforce Development Programs fund the development and delivery of cutting-edge training programs, and provide financial support to those who wish to pursue new career training, professional certifications and critical on-the-job training.

Training Program Updates

Clean Energy Technical Training

Through October 2014, NYSERDA's GJGNY training partners have trained more than 2,600 individuals in courses including solar thermal installation, introductory photovoltaic training, advanced air sealing, pressure diagnostics, BPI Basic Air Sealing and Insulation, oilheat technology, and thermography. Training partnerships include public and private educators, professional associations, and not-for-profits. GJGNY training will continue through 2015.

On-the-Job Training for Clean Energy

NYSERDA partners with businesses seeking incentives to hire and provide on-the-job training (OJT) for clean energy workers. On-the-job training assists in developing a workforce equipped to implement energy efficiency, weatherization, green building principles, renewable energy, and advanced technology system design and installation. This initiative is designed to advance the skills of new and existing workers, provide job-related experience, and connect new workers to employers.

NYSERDA has executed on-the-job training agreements with 46 businesses seeking to hire new employees or advance incumbent workers under GJGNY. Through October 2014, 170 people have been hired from NYS Department of Labor's (NYSDOL) New York State Career Centers (formerly NYSDOL One Stop Centers) lists, and 13 incumbent workers have been advanced due to training. Approximately \$1.27M in wage and training subsidies has been awarded. The average wage of workers hired under the program is \$16.39 per hour.



2 Outreach and Marketing

GJGNY Outreach and Marketing provides for community-based outreach, enabling one-on-one assistance with the process of participating in the GJGNY Program. This, combined with both print and electronic statewide marketing initiatives, increases the reach of the program, particularly among disadvantaged populations and those not traditionally participating in energy-efficiency programs.

2.1 Outreach Activities

Community-based organizations (CBOs) continue to assist customers to access the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program (HPwES) offered through Green Jobs-Green New York. Through August 2014, CBOs are responsible for 4,556 completed assessments resulting in 1244 completed retrofits. Approximately 49 percent of those retrofits were for Assisted HPwES customers who have a household income of up to 80 percent of the county median income.

Figure 2-1. CBO Percentage of GJGNY Completed Assessments.

Figure 2-1 provides percentages of GJGNY residential assessment completions by quarter that were initiated by CBOs.

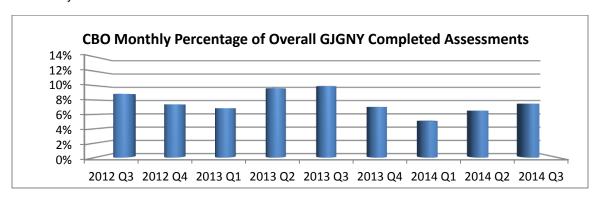
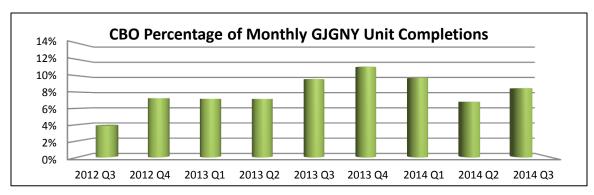


Figure 2-2. CBO Percentage of GJGNY Unit Completions.

Figure 2-2 provides percentages of project (by number of units) completions by quarter that were initiated by CBOs.





Energy Champions Referral Program

In an effort to address the New York City market for Home Performance, an Energy Champions Referral Program was developed by the GJGNY outreach program. Under the referral program, the four NYC-based CBOs (El Puente, Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica, Neighborhood Housing Services of Staten Island, and Sustainable South Bronx) will allow individuals to become "Energy Champions" and nonprofits to become "Energy Champion Partner Organizations" and refer homeowners into the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® (HPwES) Program. Energy Champions as well as Partner Organizations will receive monetary as well as non-monetary benefits from the Home Performance contractor for successfully recruiting homeowners who complete a retrofit.

An Energy Champions launch party was held on October 8, 2014 at the Urban Future Lab in downtown Brooklyn, sponsored by Home Performance contractors. Approximately 85 people were in attendance. Senator Kevin Parker and a representative of the Borough President's Office spoke about the program. Also in attendance were a representative from Councilmember Donovan Richards' Office and staff from the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability. Nine Energy Champions signed up at the event. A follow up meeting was held with the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability on October 31 to continue the discussion of the program and to explore ideas on marketing the effort and sharing data.

As of October 2014, the program has secured 13 partner organizations and 23 individual Energy Champions. Sixteen customer referrals have been made to date.

CBO Webinars

The monthly CBO Webinar was held on October 2. Topics included:

- Early Wins Successes and Updates Jennifer Johnson, NYSERDA
- Net Promoter Score Pilot Update Bill Keating, Conservation Services Group
- Handling Personal, Private, and Sensitive Customer Information Susan Andrews, NYSERDA
- EmPower Referral and Invoicing Cara Sherwood, Conservation Services Group
- Miscellaneous updates including: Current retrofit metrics, Bonus payment and invoice template reminders, and eligible measures and revised Insulation eligibility rule reminder

CBO Meetings

Downstate CBOs attended an Energy Audit Tools Training at the Green Job Training Center on Monday, October 27, free of charge. The Green Jobs Training Center has offered to continue to provide training to the group. The CBOs are working with Pratt to identify training needs and a potential training schedule.

A Staten Island Contractors Breakfast was held on October 29. The breakfast was organized by Neighborhood Housing Services of Staten Island. The purpose of the breakfast was to talk about the GJGNY Outreach program and meet local contractors.



A meeting with Brooklyn and Multifamily Economic Development Growth Extension (EDGE) Regional Outreach Contractors and El Puente and a conference call was held with Manhattan Commercial EDGE Regional Outreach Contractors resulting in electronic introductions to the CBOs. The purpose of the meeting and the call was to facilitate better collaboration on energy efficiency issues and projects.

2.2 Marketing Activities

Ongoing print marketing initiatives include the production and distribution of brochures and related promotional materials intended to expand the reach of the Green Jobs-Green New York Program. Ongoing electronic marketing initiatives include the initiation and maintenance of a CBO Locator webpage that assists customers in finding a participating CBO in their region.



3 One- to Four-Family Residential Buildings Program

NYSERDA's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® (HPwES) program offers homeowners in New York State a comprehensive, whole-house approach to improving energy efficiency and home comfort while saving money. Participating Home Performance contractors accredited by the Building Performance Institute (BPI) conduct energy assessments and upgrades. Income-qualified homeowners are eligible for additional incentives to make energy improvements.

3.1 Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Assessments

Through October 2014, from the 78,023 approved assessment applications, 62,318 (80 percent) assessments have been completed. In the month of October, a record high of 3,449 free/reduced-cost comprehensive home energy assessment applications were received. The conversion rate from assessment to HPwES project is 31.7 percent. The average cycle time between assessment completion and project completion is 110 days.



Table 3-1. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Assessments.

Table 3-1 provides HPwES monthly and cumulative assessment figures.

		CBO Initiated since	GJGNY Totals since
Timefra	ime	11/1/11 ^a	11/15/10 b
	Received Audit Appli	cations	
Octob	er	271	3,449
Program to	o Date	7,095	82,984
Average # of Applications Re	ceived per Month	197	1,747
	Approved Audit Appli	cations	
	Free		
Octob	er	285	3,244
Program to	o Date	6,382	72,023
	Reduced Cost		
Octob	er	10	244
Program to	o Date	355	6,000
Total Approved Audit Applica	tions	6,737	78,023
Average # of Applications Ap	proved Per Month	187	1,643
	Scheduled Audi	ts	
Scheduled Audits as of End of	of Current Month	590	4,395
	Completed Audi	ts	
		Free	
	October	95	1,539
Goal: (77,500-Audits)	Program to Date	4,313	57,729
Budget: (\$19,396,000)		Reduced Cost	
	October	3	104
	Program to Date	243	4,589
Total Completed Audits		4,556	62,318
Audit Funds Invoiced to Date		(11111111 <u>1</u>	\$15,781,220

 ^a Round 2 CBO production as of 6/1/2012.
 ^b GJGNY totals since 11/15/10 are inclusive of CBO initiated activities.



3.2 Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Projects

Of the 16,732 projects completed through HPwES resulting from a GJGNY assessment and/or GJGNY financing, 5,266 (31 percent) projects are associated with income-qualified customers who have a household income of up to 80 percent of the county median income.

In October 2014, there were 559 HPwES project completions. Of the 559 HPwES project completions, 475 (85 percent) were associated with a GJGNY assessment or loan. Thirty-two percent of the October GJGNY HPwES project completions were for income-qualified customers who have a household income of up to 80 percent of the county median income.

Table 3-2. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Projects.

Table 3-2 provides HPwES monthly and cumulative project figures.

Timeframe	CBO Initiated since 11/1/11	GJGNY Totals since 11/15/10a	HPwES Totals since 11/15/10b						
	Projects Contracted								
To Date	1,328	17,132	NA						
	Completed P	rojects/Units ^c							
	Assi	sted							
October	19 / 21	154 / 161	210 / 218						
Program to Date	508 / 612	5,266 / 5,583	8.654 / 9,079						
	Marke	et Rate							
October	19 / 19	321 / 324	347 / 351						
Program to Date	587 / 632	11,466 / 11,608	15,708 / 15,903						
Total Completed Projects/Units (Project Goal: 25,000)	1,095 / 1,244	16,732 / 17,191	24,362 / 24,982						

^a Projects completed resulting from a GJGNY Audit and/or GJGNY Financing.

3.3 One- to Four-Family Residential Buildings Financing

GJGNY provides two loan options for consumers: On-Bill Recovery (OBR) loans, which enable customers to make payments through their utility bills; and Smart Energy loans, unsecured loans that are paid back directly to NYSERDA's loan servicing contractor. Both loans offer expanded credit qualification criteria (Tier 2) enabling some applicants who would not qualify for a loan based on more traditional criteria (Tier 1) to qualify for GJGNY loans.

In October, NYSERDA expanded a successful pilot to the entire HPwES contractor base by making available a new streamlined work scope submission and approval process aimed at significantly reducing project approval times.

Contractors can now use the Eligibility Screening Tool in the NY HP Portal to receive immediate feedback

b Total HPwES including GJGNY Projects.

c Projects completed and units served resulting from GJGNY.



regarding the incentive and financing eligibility of the project before submitting the project for approval. Most projects receive approval in less than one business day.

Of the 6,378 Residential GJGNY Loans closed to date, 27.5 percent are for Assisted HPwES customers, representing 20.8 percent of the total funds; while 72.5 percent are for Market Rate customers representing 79.2 percent of the total funds; 9.8 percent are Tier 2 customers, representing 9.4 percent of the total funds, while 90.2 percent are Tier 1 customers representing 90.6 percent of the funds. Of the loans closed for Assisted HPwES customers, 79.8 percent are Tier 1 loans, while 20.2 percent are Tier 2.

Since the launch of On-Bill Recovery, 32.6 percent of the Assisted HPwES customers who access financing use OBR Loans, while 38.8 percent of the Market Rate HPwES customers who access financing use OBR Loans; 31.3 percent of Tier 2 customers use OBR Loans while 37.7 percent of Tier 1 customers use OBR Loans.



Table 3-3. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Details.

Table 3-3 provides cumulative details of the Green Jobs-Green New York financing program.

GJGNY Loan Type	Applications Received (number)	Applications Approved (number)	Loans Closed (number)	Loans Closed (dollars)	Loans Awaiting Closing (number)	Loans Awaiting Closing (number)
EE Smart Energy Loan	9,838	6,747	4,341	\$40,709,550	424	\$4,339,580
EE On-Bill Recovery Loan	6,824	4,059	1,929	\$21,145,510	280	\$3,553,257
Total	16,662	10,806	6,270	\$61,855,060	704	\$7,892,837
PV Smart Energy Loan	595	537	68	\$1,135,941	199	\$3,543,939
PV On-Bill Recovery Loan	874	681	39	\$617,124	139	\$2,284,843
Total	1,469	1,218	107	\$1,753,065	338	\$5,828,782
EE & PV Smart Energy Loan	38	28	1	\$16,007	1	\$15,385
EE & PV On-Bill Recovery Loan	117	52	0	\$0	1	\$13,448
Total	155	80	1	\$16,007	2	\$28,832
Grand Total	18,286	12,104	6,378	\$63,624,132	1,044	\$13,750,451



Table 3-4. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Summary.

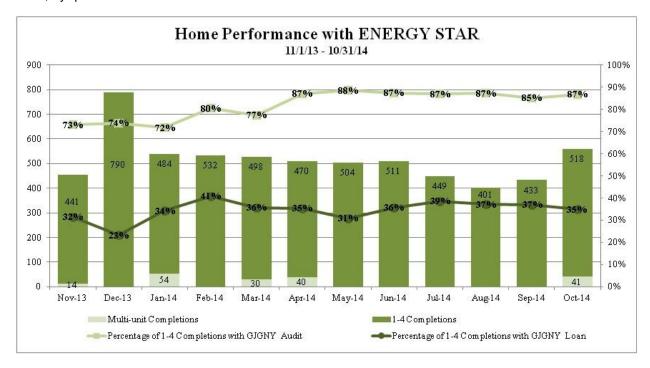
Table 3-4 provides a cumulative summary of Smart Energy Loan and On-Bill Recovery Loan activity.

Smart E	Energy	Financing Summary	On-Bill R	ecovery
Tier 1	Tier 2	i mancing Summary	Tier 1	Tier 2
3,962	448	Loans Closed*	1,792	176
\$37,641,059	\$4,220,439	Value*	\$20,000,308	\$1,762,326
\$9,501	\$9,421	Average Loan*	\$11,161	\$10,013
12.6 Years	13.6 Years	Average Term*	14.6 Years	14.4 Years
N/A	N/A	2.99%	47.99%	50.00%
83.06%	80.13%	3.49%*	52.01%	50.00%
16.94%	6.94% 19.87% 3.99%*		N/A	N/A
74.89%		Approval Rate**	71.66%	
18.68%		Denial Rate**	22.51%	
6.43	3%	Denied Tier 1, didn't pursue Tier 2**	5.83%	

^{*} Refers to loans originated and closed by EFS. The number and value of OBR Loans varies from Concord's report due to timing issues and the treatment of successor loans.

Figure 3-1. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Completions, Quarterly.

Figure 3-1 illustrates trends in HPwES project completions associated with GJGNY assessments and loans, by quarter.



^{**} Does not include applications pending review or withdrawn.



Figure 3-2. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Applications Received, Quarterly.

Figure 3-2 illustrates the rate of applications received for GJGNY Smart Energy Loans and GJGNY On-Bill Recovery Loans, by quarter.

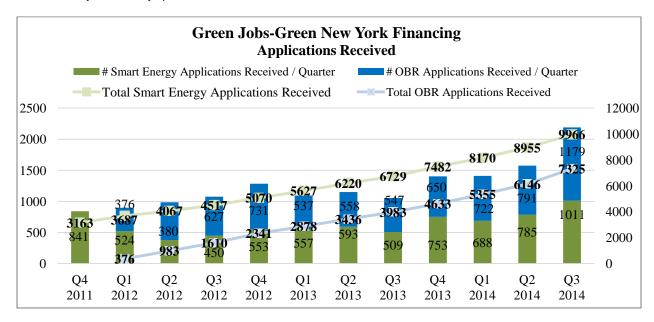


Figure 3-3. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Loans Issued by Type, Quarterly.

Figure 3-3 illustrates the rate of loans issued for GJGNY Smart Energy Loans and GJGNY On-Bill Recovery Loans, by quarter.

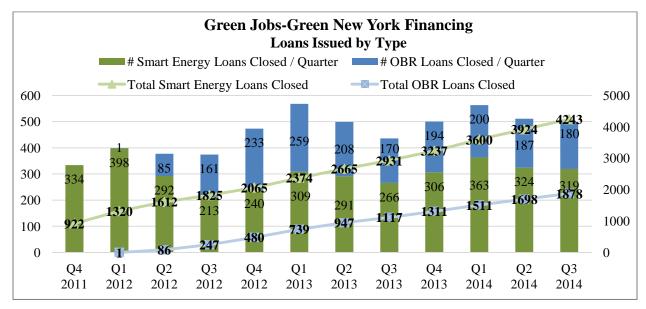




Figure 3-4. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Loans Issued by Tier, Quarterly.

Figure 3-4 illustrates trends in GJGNY loans issued, distinguished between Tier 1 and Tier 2 loans, by quarter.



Figure 3-5. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Loans Denied by Type, Quarterly.

Figure 3-5 illustrates trends in GJGNY loan denials, distinguished between Smart Energy Loans and On-Bill Recovery Loans, by quarter.

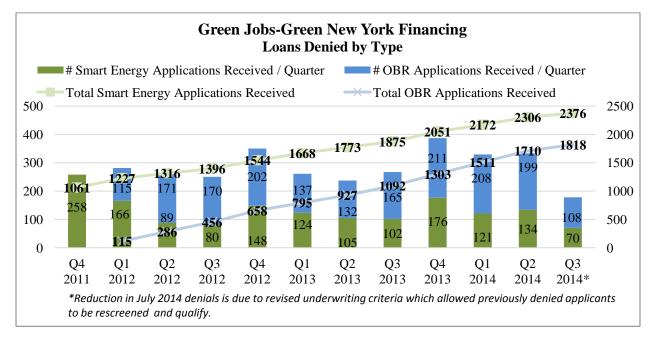




Figure 3-6. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Loans Denied for Debt-to-Income Ratio, by Region.

Table 3-6 illustrates regional differentiation for received GJGNY loan applications and loan denial rates.

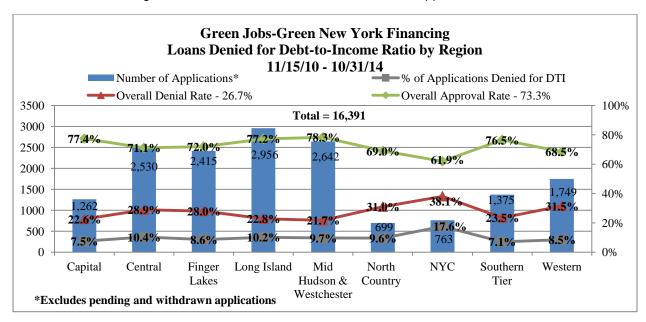


Figure 3-7. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Percentage of Applications Denied, comparative by quarter.

Figure 3-7 illustrates comparative quarterly changes in loan denial rates. The four regions displayed represent those with the highest denial rates in the program.

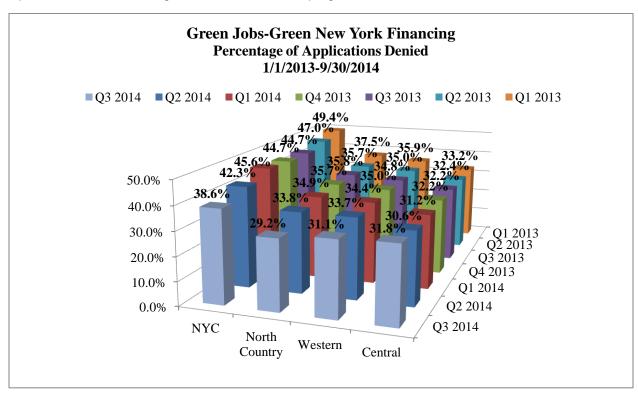




Table 3-5. Green Jobs-Green New York Financing Loans Transferred from OBR to Smart Energy.

NYSERDA allows applicants whose projects are unable to meet the cost-effectiveness requirements of the On-Bill Recovery (OBR) loan product transfer to the Smart Energy loan product. Table 3-5 illustrates the transfer activity between the On-Bill Recovery and Smart Energy loan products. In October 2014, 83 loans were transferred from OBR to Smart Energy. Over the life of the program, 15 percent of preapproved OBR loans were transferred to Smart Energy loans.

Smart Energy Loan Status	Cumulative Number of Loans
Pre-Approved	78
Loan Approved	123
Loan Sold	576
Loan Withdrawn	64
Loan Denied	8
No Loan - Subsidy Only	28
Total Number of Loans Transferred	877



4 Multifamily Energy Performance Portfolio

NYSERDA offers a portfolio of programs and incentives for owners, facility managers, developers, and condo/coop boards of multifamily buildings with five or more units in New York State. NYSERDA's programs make it easier to assess, fund, implement, and measure energy efficiency upgrades that improve building performance and save money.

4.1 Multifamily Energy Performance Assessments

Through October 2014, from the 335 approved assessment applications, 304 (91 percent) assessments have been completed.

Table 4-1. Multifamily Energy Performance Assessments.

Table 4-1 provides Multifamily Performance monthly and cumulative assessment figures.

Metric	October			Cumulative			
	Affordable Housing	Market Rate Housing	Monthly Total	Affordable Housing	Market Rate Housing	Program Total	Budget/ Goal
Received Assessment Applications	0	0	0	195	141	336	
Approved Assessment Applications	0	0	0	194	141	335	500
Assessment Funds Encumbered (\$)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,350,810	\$1,127,707	\$3,478,517	
Assessment Funds Invoiced (\$)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,940,995	\$1,053,180	\$2,994,175	\$3,000,000
Completed Assessments	0	0	0	170	134	304	400
Number of Projects withdrawing from MPP after assessment*	0	0	0	17	29	46	

^{*}MPP Projects must achieve a minimum of 15% in energy savings. Projects may choose to proceed outside MPP. Some may chose smaller work scopes which will not achieve program standard and thus not be eligible for MPP and some may elect to access utility incentives. If energy efficiency projects are completed, building owners that have an authorized assessment would still be eligible to apply for GJGNY financing.



4.2 Multifamily Energy Performance Projects

Through October 2014, the Multifamily Energy Performance Program has completed 24,316 housing units with installed measures. Of those units with installed measures, 12,822 (53 percent) are associated with affordable housing.

Table 4-2. Multifamily Energy Performance Projects.

Table 4-2 provides Multifamily Performance monthly and cumulative project figures.

Metric	October			Cumulative			
	Affordable Housing	Market Rate Housing	Monthly Total	Affordable Housing	Market Rate Housing	Program Total	
Projects in Pipeline*	0	0	0	194	141	335	
Projects Contracted to have Measures Installed	0	0	0	194	140	334	
Households Associated with Projects Contracted	0	0	0	32,911	32,945	65,856	
Projects with Installed Measures (units)	0	0	0	12,822	11,494	24,316	
kWh Savings of Installed Measures	0	0	0	14,809,097.1	4,367,428.2	19,176,525	
MMBtu Savings of Installed Measures	0	0	0	213,386.4	192,210.9	405,597	
Dollar Savings of Installed Measures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,577,064	\$4,961,744	\$11,538,808	

^{*}Projects that receive GJGNY-supported assessments and/or financing may also receive incentives through the System Benefits Charge (SBC), Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS), Regional Green House Gas Initiative (RGGI), and/or utility programs, such that the projects' energy savings may not all be attributable solely to GJGNY.



4.3 Multifamily Energy Performance Financing

As of October 2014, the Multifamily Performance Program has closed 16 loans with a total value of \$10,520,238. NYSERDA's share of that total loan value is \$3,438,883.

Table 4-3. Multifamily Energy Performance Financing.

Table 4-3 provides Multifamily Performance monthly and cumulative financing figures.

Loan Status	October			October Cumulative			
	Number	NYSERDA Share of Total Loan Value	Total Loan Value	Number	NYSERDA Share of Total Loan Value	Total Loan Value	
Participation Agreements Approved	0	\$0	\$0	21	\$4,403,520	\$9,243,689	
Loans Closed	0	\$0	\$0	16	\$3,438,883	\$10,520,238	



5 Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program

NYSERDA's Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program offers financial and technical assistance to help small businesses and not-for-profit organizations improve their energy efficiency and reduce their energy costs. This program offers free assessments to help identify economically viable improvements, (e.g. lighting, motors or thermostats) that may yield substantial annual energy savings and two low-interest loan options to finance energy efficiency projects. The first one is On-Bill Recovery Financing, which makes it possible for small businesses and nonprofits to use the savings on their energy bills to pay for their energy efficiency upgrades. The second one is the Participation Loan, where NYSERDA partners with lenders across New York State to help small businesses and nonprofits access low-interest financing for energy efficiency improvements.

The Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program continues to improve processes and services that enable Program participants to increase project installations resulting from energy assessments. This includes improving the communication of energy assessment results to small business and nonprofit customers, providing additional follow-up services to support implementation, and increasing outreach to lenders in order to raise lender awareness and increase lender participation in Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Financing made available by GJGNY. In addition, eligible small business and not-for-profit customers participating in NYSERDA's NY-Sun Solar PV Incentive Program can now access low-interest GJGNY financing to install solar PV systems of up to 200 kW.

5.1 Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Assessments

Through October 2014, the Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program has received 3,416 assessment applications. Of those received applications, 3,087 (90 percent) have resulted in completed assessments.

Table 5-1. Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Assessments.

Table 5-1 provides Small Commercial Energy Efficiency monthly and cumulative assessment figures.

Metric	October			Pro	gram Cumu	lative
	GJGNY	ARRA*	Monthly Total	GJGNY	ARRA*	Program Total
Received Assessment Applications	41	0	41	2,482	934	3,416
Completed Assessments	32	0	32	2,238	849	3,087

^{*}The GJGNY Act of 2009 restricts the provision of GJGNY-funded energy assessments to small business and not-for-profit organizations with 10 employees or less. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds were used for eligible small business and not-for-profit organizations that have more than ten employees. ARRA funding expired on September 30, 2013.



5.2 Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Projects

Through October 2014, the Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program estimates 617 project completions as a result of GJGNY funded assessments.

Table 5-2. Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Projects.

Table 5-2 provides Small Commercial Energy Efficiency monthly and cumulative project figures.

Metric	October	GJGNY Program Cumulative				
Estimated Projects Completed*	617					
*NYSERDA conservatively estimates that twenty percent of energy efficiency improvements recommended on energy						

*NYSERDA conservatively estimates that twenty percent of energy efficiency improvements recommended on energy assessments are implemented by small business and not-for-profit customers. Estimated projects completed are inclusive of those that used ARRA funds referenced in Table 5-1 above.

5.3 Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Financing

Through October 2014, the Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program has closed 11 loans with a total value of \$577,225. NYSERDA's share of that total loan value is \$300,883.

Table 5-3. Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Financing.

Table 5-3 provides Small Commercial Energy Efficiency monthly and cumulative financing figures.

Loan Status	October			Program Cumulative		
	Number	NYSERDA Share of Total Loan Value	Total Loan Value**	Number	NYSERDA Share of Total Loan Value	Total Loan Value**
Applications Approved*						
Participation Loans	4	\$52,280	\$104,560	37	\$741,276	\$1,496,196
On-Bill Recovery	3	\$61,416	\$61,416	22	\$676,250	\$676,250
Loans Closed						
Participation Loans	0	\$0	\$0	9	\$237,563	\$513,905
On-Bill Recovery	0	\$0	\$0	2	\$63,320	\$63,320
Total	0	\$0	\$0	11	\$300,883	\$577,225

The Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Financing Program has 11 participating lenders.

^{*} Customer applications are assessed for both Participation Loan and On-Bill Recovery Loan eligibility prior to approval. Approved application values are inclusive of loans that have moved forward to closure.

^{**}The total loan value represents the total value of the loan issued by the lender to the borrower. The total loan value may include financing for non-energy efficiency projects. NYSERDA's share of the total loan value represents 50 percent of the total energy efficiency project cost or \$50,000, whichever is less.



6 Evaluation

The overarching goals of Evaluation are to provide objective and credible information that supports optimum program operation and outcomes, as well as program accountability. Three major types of evaluation are implemented for the GJGNY program. Process evaluation provides information to support program operations by addressing program efficiency and effectiveness, satisfaction and barriers to participation, among other issues. Impact evaluation provides information to help understand actual program impact and improve energy impact estimates, including economic, environmental, and non-energy benefits; in doing so it supports program accountability. Market evaluation also provides information to support program operations and accountability by characterizing and assessing target markets for programs.

Evaluation Activities Currently Underway

NYSERDA recently completed a combined process evaluation and market characterization/assessment of its Multifamily Performance Program (MPP). The primary objectives of this project were to provide a comprehensive understanding of current and emerging multifamily markets, to assess the activities that occurred in MPP during the September 2010 through July 2012 and July 2012 through the present timeframes, to provide a baseline of market effects in the multifamily housing market, and to determine potential strengths and weaknesses of the program's processes. This report is posted on the NYSERDA website at http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/-/media/Files/Publications/PPSER/Program-Evaluation/2014ContractorReports/2014-MPP-Process-Evaluation.pdf.

Other evaluations are in early stages of implementation. These studies are described below.

- A study on Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) addressing process evaluation, market characterization, an analysis of CBOs and impact evaluation-related research objectives. Data collection, via telephone interviews with participating contractor firms and Building Performance Institute-related stakeholders, was completed in October 2014.
- An assessment of the GJGNY audit-only participant impacts resulting from homeowners who received
 a GJGNY audit and did not pursue further support through incentive programs. The GJGNY audit-only
 participant surveys were finalized in late-September 2014 and data collection commenced in early October
 2014.
- An impact evaluation of the Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program will quantify measure adoption rate over time, assess the degree of program influence on the participant decision making and the proportion of installed measures for which customers accessed other NYSERDA funding. Data collection will begin in November 2014.