

# Energy Audits on Government Buildings

An example of the application of EECBG funds in our region is through energy audit(s) of government-owned buildings. The primary goal of conducting energy audits is to identify opportunities to reduce energy costs by increasing energy efficiency. Information from these audits may also be used in applying for grants to make improvements to energy systems.

The City of Appleton plans to conduct community-wide energy audits of its city-owned buildings. The UMRDC will assist the city by coordinating with the energy provider, finding an energy auditor, gathering and consolidating necessary documents to complete the audits, such as utility bills and building plans, and planning and scheduling the energy audits. The expectation is that performing these audits will allow the city to identify some immediate actions that can save money and reduce energy and identify larger projects that would be included in capital improvement plans or eligible for grants or incentive programs through their energy provider.

Appleton identified several city-owned buildings that will be audited through this process. They include:

- Water Tower
- Fire Hall
- Library/52 wing
- Public Works building
- Civic Center
- Old Public Works building
- Liquor Store
- Water Treatment
- Wastewater Plant
- Airport
- Campground
- Streetlights
- Pool
- City owned hospital/healthcare facility
- Ambulance garage

Local governments can use EECBG funds to hire an energy auditor through an RFP process. The UMRDC has identified auditors who are experienced in doing this work for public buildings. The UMRDC is available to provide similar project coordination support to other local governments considering energy audits.

## Timeline:



A typical timeline for conducting energy audits may span six to twelve months. Please note that all projects funded under this program must be completed by spring 2026.

## Budget:



Up to \$20,000 may be awarded for energy audit projects. These funds would be used to hire the UMRDC to coordinate and to pay an energy auditor to conduct the studies.

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