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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Energy Efficiency Loans Available to Dubuque Non-Profits & Businesses**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – As part of the Sustainable Dubuque initiative, the City of Dubuque is encouraging Dubuque businesses and non-profits to apply for low-interest loans to make their buildings more energy-efficient.

The Energy Efficiency Loan Fund (EELF) is a \$200,000 revolving loan fund established through funds from the U.S. Department of Energy. Its purpose is to help finance energy improvements in buildings owned or leased by commercial businesses or non-profits located in the city of Dubuque. EELF is intended to fund innovative energy efficiency projects that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The current interest rate for EELF loans is one percent. Special consideration will be given to Petal Project businesses in the selection process. The City is partnering with East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) Business Growth, Inc. to make these funds available.

Dubuque non-profits and commercial businesses are eligible for a low-interest loan up to \$10,000 to complete energy-efficient improvements including electrical system improvements, lighting and energy management systems, mechanical system improvements including HVAC and hot water, and information technology energy efficiency upgrades.

For more information on the program, including eligibility requirements and an FAQ sheet, or to submit an application, please visit [www.eciabusinessgrowth.com](http://www.eciabusinessgrowth.com) or call ECIA at 563-556-4166.

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This revolving fund supports the Sustainable Dubuque principles of Healthy Air, Smart Energy Use, and Green Buildings. For more information, visit [www.sustainabledubuque.org](http://www.sustainabledubuque.org).

