

## **473.20 Energy loan fund.**

An energy loan fund is established in the office of the treasurer of state to be administered by the department.

1. The department may make loans to the state, state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, school districts, area education agencies, community colleges, and nonprofit organizations for implementation of energy conservation measures identified in a comprehensive engineering analysis. Loans shall be made for all cost-effective energy management improvements. For the state, state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, school districts, area education agencies, community colleges, and nonprofit organizations to receive a loan from the fund, the department shall require completion of an energy management plan including an energy audit and a comprehensive engineering analysis. The department shall approve loans made under this section.

2. Cities and counties shall repay the loans from moneys in their debt service funds. Area education agencies shall repay the loans from any moneys available to them.

School districts and community colleges may enter into financing arrangements with the department or its duly authorized agents or representatives obligating the school district or community college to make payments on the loans beyond the current budget year of the school district or community college. Chapter 75 shall not be applicable. School districts shall repay the loans from moneys in either their general fund or debt service fund. Community colleges shall repay the loans from their general fund. Other entities receiving loans under this section shall repay the loans from any moneys available to them.

3. The department may accept gifts, federal funds, state appropriations, and other moneys for deposit in the energy loan fund or may fund the energy loan fund in accordance with section 473.20A.

4. For the purpose of this section, "*loans*" means loans, leases, or alternative financing arrangements.

5. The state, state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, school districts, area education agencies, and community colleges shall design and construct the most energy cost-effective facilities feasible and shall use the financing made available by the department to cover the incremental costs above minimum building code energy efficiency standards of purchasing energy efficient devices and materials unless other lower cost financing is available. As used in this section, "*facility*" means a structure that is heated or cooled by a mechanical or electrical system, or any system of physical operation that consumes energy to carry out a process.

6. The department shall not require the state, state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, school districts, area education agencies, and community colleges to implement a specific energy conservation measure identified in a comprehensive engineering analysis if the entity which prepared the analysis demonstrates to the department that the facility which is the subject of the energy conservation measure is unlikely to be used or operated for the full period of the expected payback of the energy conservation measure.

86 Acts, ch 1167, § 3

C87, § 93.20

87 Acts, ch 209, § 2; 90 Acts, ch 1252, § 12; 90 Acts, ch 1253, § 120; 91 Acts, ch 253, § 8

C93, § 473.20

94 Acts, ch 1029, §30; 2001 Acts, ch 60, §1