What is PennSEF?

PennSEF provides technical and legal assistance, as well as low-cost capital, for energy and water improvement projects by schools and other non-profits. All program costs are rolled into the issue of the bond. Your organization is guaranteed to see savings that meet or exceed loan payments. Savings will be monitored and verified regularly to ensure your upgrade is providing the promised payback.

Why PennSEF?

1. Reduce energy and water use and operating costs
2. Replace aging, high-maintenance equipment
3. Improve safety and resiliency

Projects Include:

→ Electrical upgrades, including lighting and smart energy management
→ Renewable energy, including solar, wind, and energy storage
→ HVAC improvements
→ Building envelope upgrades
→ Water conservation measures
→ Pair long-payback projects with short payback projects to get the best value and extensive improvements to your building.

The Benefits:

1. Pre-negotiated contracts written by the Pennsylvania Treasury and agreed to by participating energy services companies (ESCOs).
2. Participating ESCOs are established, experienced companies with a local presence and a history of performance guarantee programs.
3. Preliminary audit at no cost, followed by an investment grade audit that must provide measures with at least 90% of savings quoted in preliminary audit.
4. All program costs are paid within the bond issue.
5. Guaranteed savings, monitored and verified regularly throughout the loan period.

Let Us Help!

Green Building Alliance is working with PennSEF to support people and projects through the process. To learn more, contact GBA at (412) 773-6000 or info@gbapgh.org.