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### **Maryland Energy Administration Announces Launch of Solar Energy Grant Program**

Today's launch of the Solar Energy Grant Program signals a success in the growing use of renewable energy in Maryland. Solar energy is an environmentally friendly, zero emissions source of power that is an alternative to using finite energy resources.

“Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and the Maryland Energy Administration are working hard to expand the use of cleaner renewable sources of energy in our State,” said Michael T. Richard, Director of the Maryland Energy Administration. “Relying on a greater percentage of renewable sources of energy will increase our fuel diversity, enhance energy security, and reduce pollution.”

The Maryland Energy Administration will be providing a limited number of grants for solar water heating and photovoltaic solar energy for those who are accepted into the program and comply with all program requirements and procedures. The grants are for 20 percent of your system cost in three categories, each of which has a maximum allowable grant amount:

- Solar Water Heating grants can be up to \$2000;
- Residential Photovoltaic Solar grants can be up to \$3000; and
- Nonresidential Photovoltaic Solar grants can be up to \$5000.

Grants will be offered to qualified applicants as long as funds are available. For more information on solar energy opportunities, contact the Maryland Energy Administration at [meinfo@energy.state.md.us](mailto:meinfo@energy.state.md.us) or call 800-72-ENERGY.