

1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

5 Points

10 Points

15 Points

Objective

Empower your community's commercial property owners to reduce energy consumption by making clean energy improvements such as energy-efficient boilers, upgraded insulation, new windows, or solar installations, with affordable, long-term financing from Commercial Property Assessment Clean Energy (C-PACE), a program of Connecticut Green Bank.

Complementary actions:

• Benchmark Energy and Water Use for Multifamily Properties

What to Do

The more you do, the more points you earn.

- 1. Pass a municipal resolution to opt-in to C-PACE, sign a legal agreement with C-PACE, and post a link to information about C-PACE on your municipality's website. (5 points)
 - **Submit:** A certified, signed copy of your municipality's resolution opting-in to C-PACE, or a certified copy of your municipality's legal agreement with C-PACE. Please also submit a link to information about C-PACE on your municipality's website.
- 2. Encourage local building owners to access C-PACE financing by organizing an educational event, conducting educational outreach to individual property owners, or working with the Connecticut Green Bank on a <u>marketing partnership initiative</u>. (5 points)
 - **Submit:** Depending on the specific strategy or combination of strategies you chose, submit a list of the names of any education events and the dates that they were held; or any other documentation that verifies your municipality's efforts to access C-PACE financing.
- **3.** Earn credit for C-PACE projects approved by the Green Bank and completed by the local contractor for commercial, manufacturing, multifamily, and non-profit buildings undertaking clean energy improvements on their property. **(5 points)**
 - **Submit:** A list of buildings approved for C-PACE financing and completed by the local contractor. The list may be obtained by contacting the Connecticut Green Bank, could be a screenshot projects listed on the Connecticut Green Bank's website, or any other list of relevant buildings.

Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Your municipality's legislative body, legal counsel, and community stakeholders, such as business owners, nonprofit leaders and multifamily property owners, should collaborate with the Connecticut Green Bank.

Funding

Below are potential funding sources specific to this Action. For a complete listing of potential funding opportunities to assist with implementing Sustainable CT Actions, please visit the <u>Sustainable CT Grants</u>

<u>Portal</u>, which is searchable by Action. Please also visit the <u>Sustainable CT Resources for Certification</u> page for opportunities for technical assistance and other supports.

- C-PACE Financing
- More About C-PACE Financing

Resources

Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents

- <u>CPACE Resources for Municipalities</u>, providing a Sample Municipal Resolution, Sample C-PACE Agreement, Program Guidelines and FAQs for Municipalities
- The Community|EnergyVision Action Guide

Organizations and Relevant Programs

- C-PACE
- Connecticut Green Bank

Benefits

Your community's commercial property owners reduce energy consumption by making clean energy improvements in local residential and industrial buildings, resulting in positive environmental impacts, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and improved community health and economic well-being.

CT Success Stories

- A list of C-PACE municipalities
- Listing of C-PACE projects

Credit for Past Action

- Points will be earned for resolutions and legal agreements, regardless of when they were adopted or executed prior to application submission.
- C-PACE-specific educational efforts must have been conducted within 1 year prior to application submission.
- Buildings should only be included that received C-PACE approval within 3 years prior to application submission.