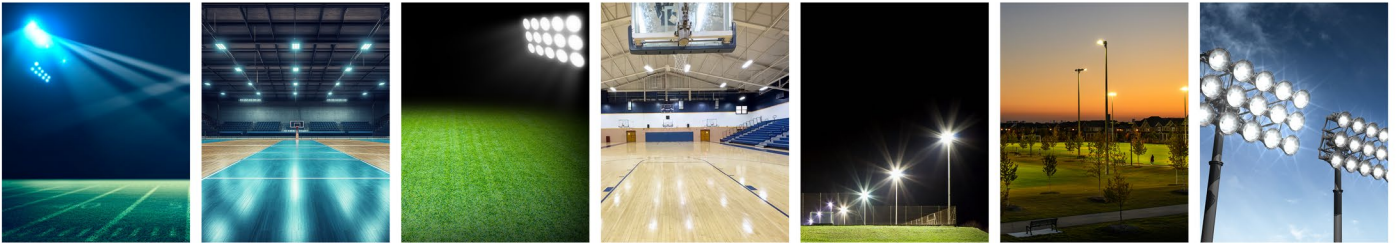
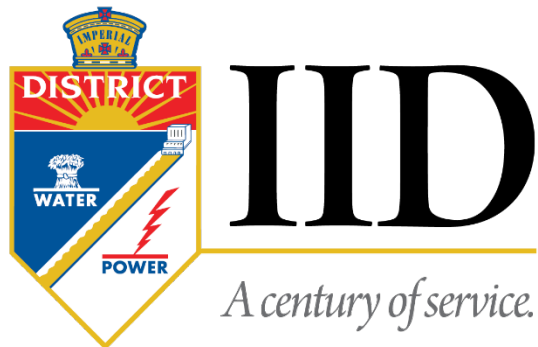


GLOW (GREEN LIGHTING FOR OUTDOOR WELLNESS):
A PUBLIC SPORTS COMPLEX LED LIGHTING GRANT PROGRAM

2026 GUIDELINES



(March 30, 2026)



Introduction

Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) Green Lighting for Outdoor Wellness (GLOW) Grant Program is designed to promote energy efficiency amongst non-residential customers, concentrating on local governments, cities, counties, special districts, school districts and non-profit organizations to upgrade outdated sports complex lighting to high-efficient LED systems (lighting, controls, etc.). The program offers financial support for energy-saving improvements, focusing on the installation of LED energy-efficient lighting systems directly affecting sports complex facilities. The primary goals of the program are to:

- **Support communities** in creating safe, secure and healthy activity-based events.
- **Encourage the installation of energy-efficient equipment**, reducing operating expenses, increasing net income and providing a quicker return on investment.
- **Enable a short payback period** for the facility owner through energy savings, with the potential to finance additional upgrades at minimal or no out-of-pocket cost.
- **Reduce air pollution** and contribute to the preservation of natural resources.
- **Lower the need for expensive peaking power plants** and transmission or distribution facilities, which could ultimately result in lower electric rates.

The program helps identify energy-saving opportunities through operational improvements and equipment upgrades that reduce energy consumption and demand. Successful project implementation requires balancing the customer's goals with project financing. Applicants should identify areas of inefficiency within their facility's lighting and are encouraged to submit a grant application.

Grant Program Eligibility

The grant application is open to IID's electrical non-residential customers, concentrating on local governments, cities, counties, special districts, school districts and non-profit organizations. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Receive electrical service from the IID;
- Pay the state-mandated Public Benefits Charge on their utility bill.
- Be able to implement the lighting project within the 2026 calendar year.
- Facilities must be utilizing lighting systems that are at least 10 years old or do not meet current California energy efficiency standards.
- The program is designed to update existing lighting infrastructure and not fund new construction projects.

Eligible LED lighting measures must retrofit, replace or upgrade outdated equipment with new equipment. Used, refurbished, or rebuilt equipment are not eligible. Lighting shall be applicable to Title 24 energy efficiency standards or current industry standards, if Title 24 standards are not applicable. Only qualifying electric equipment shall receive grant funding.

Lighting

- LED fixtures must be UL-rated.
- Grants will not cover outdated technologies (e.g. incandescent, halogen, mercury vapor or probe-start metal halide lamps when more efficient options are available).
- Outdoor equipment must be approved for exterior use by its manufacturer.

Equipment Installation

It is the applicant's responsibility to select, purchase, install and maintain the lighting equipment. Some installations may require a licensed contractor. Self-installation must comply with manufacture specifications and applicable laws. After installation, grantees must submit a final report with project details and all associated project expenses supported by final invoices.

Baseline Determinations

The baseline for the existing lighting to be replaced must be documented clearly, including photographs, graphical data summaries, and performance calculations. Energy savings must be calculated using a mathematical approach and be verifiable.

Program Application Process

- Application Opening: **Monday, March 30, 2026**
- Application Deadline: **Monday, April 27, 2026**
- Grant Notification Period: **Thursday, May 21, 2026**
- Milestone Documentation Submission: **Thursday, June 11, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.**
- Program Installation and Submission of Closing Documents Deadline: **Tuesday, December 8, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.**

Application Form

Interested applicants shall complete the grant application form located on IID's website at www.iid.com/glow. IID reserves the right to verify the customer's energy savings claims. Applicants shall also provide the proposed project's scope of work satisfying each of the requirements below in order to be qualified for a grant:

- Light installations must be publicly accessible
- Project description of the existing light system and the proposed upgrades, supported by photographs of existing conditions, proposed product specification sheets and accurately recorded installation locations
- Budget estimate, with cost proposals and final invoice submissions at the end of the project.
- Project schedule, including milestones and completion dates
- Energy audit / analysis results, providing energy savings load reduction
- Properly licensed contractor or qualified facilities staff

- Project demonstration a nexus between important community needs and the project benefits. An emphasis should be placed on how the project promotes community improvement. Letters of support from local sports organizations are welcomed.
- Applicants must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations, which may include right of way, easements, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- IRS 501(C)(3) Determination Letter (non-profits only)

Proposal Application Review Procedure

IID will review each proposal upon receipt to determine if the minimum eligibility requirements have been met. If the proposal is found to be incomplete in a material way or the proposed project is not eligible for a grant. The applicant will be informed that the proposal is ineligible, and be allowed five additional business days to provide a revised application. Otherwise, it will be disqualified from further consideration.

Program Priorities

Additional points will be given to projects that meet **two** of the following:

1. Provides recreational benefits to a critically underserved community or disadvantaged community;
2. Proposed by a critically underserved community or disadvantaged community;
3. Uses interagency cooperation and integration; or
4. Uses existing public lands and facilitates the use of public resources and investments, including schools.
5. Matching or “cost sharing” funds (including volunteer assistance and in-kind donations) allocated to the project are not a requirement, but encouraged.

Funding Installation Report and Agreement Forms

If your organization is awarded a grant, execution of the Grant Agreement and Installation Report forms are required. The forms include additional program requirements.

The Installation Report will be created based on submitted information from the final summary reporting for reimbursement requests, which will include:

- Energy-efficient measures eligible for funding
- Acceptance of the estimated energy savings from the proposed measures
- Funding amount for the application
- Acceptance of funding terms
- Project progress reports may be requested summarizing project status
- **Final Reporting:** A final summary report highlighting project status, lighting installed, photos and expenditures is due before closing payment is issued no later than **Tuesday, December 8, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.**

Eligible Costs

Personnel, contractors and consultants, direct and indirect costs related to the lighting installations and maintenance associated with the projects' installations during the grant period.

Eligible Costs:

- Personnel and contract labor
 - Salary for staff working explicitly on the project.
 - Contractors and consultants working explicitly on the projects.
 - Fringe-benefits (staff only), including medical insurance and Social Security contributions. Costs must be computed according to the staff's current wages.
 - Equipment: Purchased or rented materials and tools required for project purposes.
- Administrative costs directly related to the implementation of the project
 - Mileage to and from the project site.
 - Liability insurance for project implementation.
 - Materials for personnel hired solely for this project
 - Customers who self-install may charge labor at a competitive rate pending IID's approval.

Full Proposal Review and Scoring

All eligible proposals will be scored on a 100-point system and will be evaluated by an IID grant review committee.

The evaluation process will focus on the following questions:

- How does the project meet Program intent (i.e., community needs short and long term, estimated energy savings, and project schedule)? **(20 pts)**
- Is the applicant utilizing a properly licensed contractor for the project, or does the applicant have experienced staff to carry out the scope of work proposed? How is the applicant proposing to successfully complete the project on time? **(20 pts)**
- Are the costs for materials and services reasonable and within industry standards? **(20 pts)**
- How can quality results be expected from the proposed methods and processes? **(15 pts)**
- Is a maintenance plan in place to maximize the project's long-term success? **(10 pts)**
- How does the project support communities in creating safe, secure and healthy activity-based events? **(10 pts)**
- Are community members / volunteers involved at some capacity of the project? **(5 pts)**

Evaluation/Scoring Criteria

All information provided during the evaluation process should demonstrate how effectively the proposed project meets program requirements, funding priorities, and program objectives. Projects will be evaluated using the established criteria and any additional funding considerations. Projects will receive an initial ranking, with a maximum score of 100 points.

Receiving an Award

If your organization is awarded a grant, the applicant is required to execute an IID grant agreement form that explains program requirements and provides instructions for a final summary report and reimbursement requests.

Once the proposal review and scoring has been completed, recommendations are submitted to the IID Power Manager. Upon the Power Manager’s approval, grant awards will be announced.

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

- All funding proposals must include the following to be eligible for consideration:
- IID GLOW Grant Application
- Scope of Work detailing
 - Description of project
 - Project schedule
 - Properly Licensed Contractor or qualified facilities staff
 - Proposed Budget (detailed cost estimate reflecting all costs associated with the project)
 - Project location maps and site photos
 - Detailed Energy analysis and estimated energy savings
 - IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter (non-profits only)

Conflict of Interest

All applicants and individuals who participate in the review of submitted applications are subject to state and federal conflict of interest laws. Any individual who has participated in planning or setting priorities for a specific solicitation over and above the public comment process or who will participate in any part of the grant development and negotiation process on behalf of the public is ineligible to receive funds or personally benefit from funds through that solicitation. Failure to comply with conflict of interest laws, including business and financial disclosure provisions, will result in the application being rejected and any subsequent grant agreement being declared void. Other legal actions may also be taken. Applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, California Government Code section 1090 and Public Contract Code sections 10365.5, 10410, and 10411.

Loss of Funding

The following are examples of actions that may result in a Grantee’s loss of funding. This is not a comprehensive list.

- Grantee fails to execute a Grant Agreement.
- Grantee changes the project scope without prior notice to and approval by the IID.
- Grantee fails to complete the project.
- Grantee fails to timely submit all documentation within the period specified in the grant agreement.
- Grantee fails to provide project updates as requested.

Disadvantaged Communities

Disadvantaged community means a community identified pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code (CalEnviroScreen 4.0) or pursuant to Section 75005 of the Public Resources Code (a community with a median household income less than 80% of the statewide average). The term “disadvantaged” refers to either the top 25% highest scoring census tracts in CalEnviroScreen 4.0, or census tracts with median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide average (refer to California State Parks’ Community FactFinder, or Department of Water Resources’ Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool).

Refer to Appendix for instructions on how to access mapping tools that identify disadvantaged communities and the criteria for determining if the project is both located within and providing benefits to these populations.

CalEnviroScreen 4.0

<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-40>

Form Submittal

Submit completed application packages to IID by email: LEDgrants@iid.com. Alternative arrangements can be made for in-person submissions. IID is not responsible for delayed, lost or misdirected mail.

Applications will be time and date-stamped upon receipt. Customers are encouraged to submit their application forms as early as possible.

Grant Payments

Grant funding will be paid via check, mailed directly to the grantee, or paid to a third-party payee as designated by the customer. This includes materials, taxes, freight and installation labor costs.

- \$35,000 maximum grant amount
- 50 percent of the funding issued upon award
- 50 percent of the funding issued upon completion.

Incentives from Other IID Programs

If you participate in this program, you may not receive incentives for the same energy efficiency measures from other IID programs.

Post-Installation Deadline and Inspection

All projects must be fully installed by **Tuesday, December 8, 2026**. Projects that are not completed by this date will not be eligible to receive the second grant payment, unless a written extension agreement has been obtained from IID prior to the deadline.

IID reserves the right to conduct a post-installation inspection to verify that the equipment has been installed and is operational. If the inspection reveals the installed system is not functioning or has been altered, the grant payment may be denied and a second payment may not be issued. The agency must provide access to the equipment for inspection during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays).

Choosing and Working with Your Vendors

You are responsible for selecting your own vendors. IID does not endorse or recommend vendors. Ensure that your selected vendor is properly licensed and meets relevant legal requirements.

If the new energy-efficient equipment is removed or found to be defective, you are responsible for replacing it, even if your vendor received the grant payment. Failure to do so may result in the agency being required to refund IID a prorated portion of the grant. Be sure to carefully review your vendor's contract, including the equipment warranty, to understand your responsibilities.

If issues arise with equipment or vendors, you must resolve them directly. IID is not responsible for vendor or equipment-related problems. If the issue cannot be resolved to your satisfaction, consider contacting the Contractors State License Board at 1-800-321-2752 (if your vendor is a licensed contractor) or contact the Better Business Bureau at 916-443-6843.

Marketing and Communications

The grant recipient agrees that IID may identify the local governments, cities, counties, special districts, school districts and non-profit organizations as a recipient of the Grant Program funding and may use the organizations name and / or logo in marketing materials and press release, social media and to develop a brief customer profile for use by IID on its website for promotional purposes upon receipt of the grant award and / or the project's completion.

Questions and Comments

For more information about this program or other energy savings programs from IID, please visit www.iid.com/glow or contact us at:

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