



# Public Benefits Funds, By State

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The table below includes information about public benefit funds that use system benefit charges and other mechanisms to support renewable energy. Funds that cover energy efficiency (EE) as well as renewables (RE) are included, but ones that strictly focus on efficiency are not included. The information is taken from the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency ([DSIRE](#)).

	Name	How \$ collected	How much \$	Comments
CA	Public Benefits Funds for Renewables and Efficiency	Surcharge, rates vary by utility and customer type. RE: ~\$.0016/kWh	2015 Funding levels: RE: \$130 million	Separate surcharges for EE and R&D
CT	Connecticut Clean Energy Fund	Surcharge: \$0.001/kWh for CL&P and UI customers	Approximately \$20 million annually	
DC	Sustainable Energy Trust Fund (SETF)	Surcharge: \$0.0011 in FY 2009, \$0.0013 in FY 2010, and \$0.0015 in FY 2011 and each subsequent year	\$20 million in 2012 and each subsequent year	Separate surcharge for natural gas customers. SETF provides EE, RE and Low-income energy assistance
DE	Delmarva (only IOU) Green Energy Fund	Surcharge: \$0.000356/kWh for renewables	\$3.2 million annually (average)	Separate funds for municipal utilities and coops
HI	Hawaii Energy			EE and DSM only
IL	Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund	Monthly Surcharge: \$0.05/residential customer \$0.50/small, nonresidential customer \$37.50/large, nonresidential customer	Approximately \$5 - \$6.5 million per year	

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IL	Clean Energy Community Trust	One-time payment resulting from a merger settlement	\$250 million for RE, EE and to preserve and enhance natural areas and wildlife habitats	
MA	Renewable Energy Trust Fund	Surcharge: \$0.0005/kWh	Approximately \$23-\$24 million/year	
ME	Efficiency Maine Trust – Renewables only	Voluntary customer contributions	Approximately \$100,000/year	
MN	Renewable Development Fund	Annual payments by Xcel based on nuclear waste in storage (number of dry casks)	Approximately \$24.5 million in 2013; \$26.6 million in 2014	
MT	Universal System Benefits Program	Surcharge: \$0.001334/kWh-residential \$0.001143/kWh commercial and small industrial \$0.000900/kWh large customer	Approximately \$9 million/year; about \$1.5 million goes to renewables	Based on largest IOU. Most \$ goes to EE, low-income, and large customer self-directed funds
NH	System Benefits Charge			EE only
NJ	Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)	Surcharge per-kWh (varies annually by funding target)	\$344 million (FY2015) About 80% (\$950 million) of the budget devoted to EE; 20% (\$243 million) allocated for RE programs	EE, RE, and Low-income energy assistance
NM	Efficient Use of Energy Act of 2005			EE and load management
NY	Clean Energy Fund (CEF)	Budget-based, but PSC documents show surcharges for 2016: \$.0043/kWh (ConEd) \$.00644/kWh (CHG&E)	\$5.322 billion (2016- 2025) Non-fuel specific minimum 10 year goals (2016-2025):  1. 88 million MW of RE	Clean energy and EE  See NYSERDA RPS FAQs, with link to “statements” at PSC website under Effective

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		\$.004975/kWh (NGrid) \$.004657/kWh (NYSEG) \$.00488/kWh (ORU) \$.004060/kWh (RG&E)  Additional surcharges for RPS costs may be collected.	2. 133 million tons of CO2e reductions 3. \$39 billion in customer bill savings 4. Stimulate \$29 billion in private investment	Electric Tariff Documents
OH	Advanced Energy Fund	Funded by bond proceeds; ACPs		RE, EE, DG
OR	Energy Trust of Oregon	Surcharge (2015): 4.9% (PGE) 4.2% (Pacific Power) 2.2% (NW Natural Gas) 2.2% (Cascade Natural Gas)  Surcharge varies annually based on efficiency resource potential identified in utility Integrated Resource Plans.	2015 budget: \$15.6 million for renewables \$148.1 million for energy efficiency	Of the funds collected by the electric utilities, 56.7% must be allocated towards EE and 17.1% to RE.
PA	Public Benefits Programs (four funds)	Currently not collecting revenue. The funds are transitioning to a revolving loan and investment fund model to sustain their capital.		RE and EE

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RI	Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund	Surcharge: \$0.0003/kWh for RE	Approximately \$2.4 million/year (2003-2013)	
VA	Voluntary Solar Resource Development Fund	Voluntary customer contributions		
VT	Clean Energy Development Fund	State appropriations, primarily	\$5,882,076 (FY15)	
WI	Focus on Energy Program	Each IOU is required to spend 1.2% of the latest 3-year average of its gross operating revenue on EE and RE.	In the recent past, 10% (or \$10 million) of the total was spent on RE. In 2016, that figure is down to \$3.5 million for RE	RE and EE