## **Energy Efficiency Financing Tips for Municipalities**

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- 1. Connect with municipalities and organizations that can help. Do not reinvent the wheel.
- 2. Work to reduce project costs. Bulk purchasing and in-house labor can help.
- 3. Make the case for the value proposition. Never assume others already understand.
- 4. Push to fund the work out of your current budget. No other money is as inexpensive.
- 5. If necessary, look for financing. Size matters.
- 6. Explore leasing as an alternative. Operating leases do not hit your bottom line.
- 7. Start modestly and build momentum. Do not let perfection be the enemy of the good.