National Grid Revolving Loan Fund Rhode Island

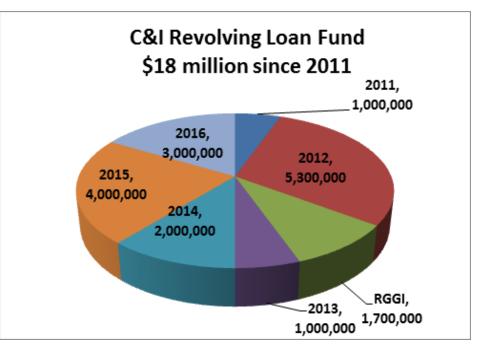
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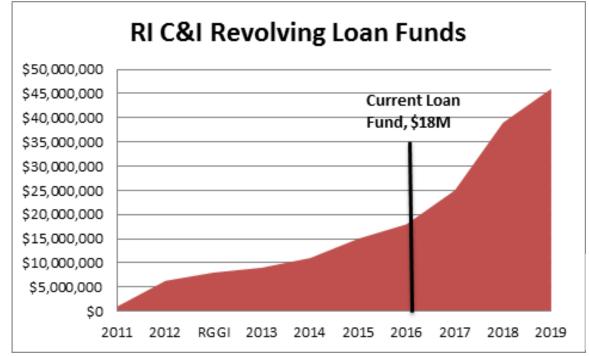
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Some high level numbers on the loan fund:

- Fund started in 2011
- Total fund is \$18M this year
- Goal is to lend \$11M this year
- Vision is to grow it to \$46M
 by 2020 using FCM revenues







State-Utility Partnership for Municipal Savings

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The Low-Hanging Fruit Era

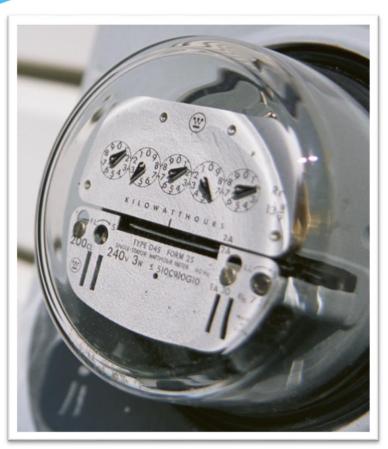
- Municipalities & Schools
 - Aging infrastructure
 - Recession → Budget challenges
 - No clear procurement path for efficiency
- EE Programs
 - Limited to 2-year payback electric projects
 - Focused on single measures, 90% lighting
 - Focused on payback, not cash flow over useful life
 - No dedicated municipal program or representative at the utility or state energy office







RI Public Energy Partnership



- DATA: Create an inventory of energy consumption in municipal and state facilities
- PROJECTS: Help approximately 100 public facilities achieve 20% energy savings
- BARRIERS: Identify and mitigate barriers to efficiency improvements







RI Public Energy Partnership

Utility Program

- No cost scoping studies
- Technical assessments
 covered up to \$7,500
 (if half of recommendations are implemented)
- Ratepayer funded incentives (up to 70% project cost)
- 0% on-bill financing 2-5 years (up to 30% project cost)

State RGGI Funds

- \$2.5 million total
- From 2012 & 2015 RGGI
 Allocation Plans
- Used for on-bill financing OR "enhanced incentives" to buy down project to 5-year payback







Results: Data & Projects

Between 2013 - 2015...

DATA: 100% of RI municipalities, school districts, and state agencies benchmarked

Almost 1800 facilities

PROJECTS: 123 energy efficiency projects implemented

Total energy savings: 28.6% or 42,869 MMBTU







Results: Barriers

Successes:

- ✓ Created public sector program financial & technical assistance
- ✓ Pushed energy vendors to find deeper savings
- ✓ Established clear procurement path
- ✓ Extended & expanded on-bill financing 5 years & natural gas.
- ✓ Energy data organization, tracking, training
- ✓ Built relationships with key public sector representatives

Remaining barriers:

- Still limited to 5-year payback projects
- Delivered fuels gap







Efficient Buildings Fund

- RIPEP Team → EBF Team
 - Office of Energy Resources
 - National Grid & Consultant
 - University of Rhode Island Energy Fellows
- Leveraged relationships built through RIPEP
- Bundled short and long payback measures
- Shifted focus from payback to cash flow
- Shifted from capital to operating budget







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