



**Availability:**

The BER FY26 Program is available in all of Lake and Cook County, most of St. Louis County and Itasca County and portions of Koochiching, Aitkin and Crow Wing County. Please see service area map attachment or visit the IRRRB detailed website map link: <https://mn.gov/irrb/about-us/who-we-serve/>

**Standard Program:**

The Standard Business Energy Retrofit Program (BER) is designed to aid in financing the energy retrofit project. The BER Program will support and provide the business up to \$25,000 in eligible retrofit expenses or 1/3 of the total project up to \$75,000. A \$500.00 application fee will be required to participate in this program at the initial inspection and processed at the time of project closing.

**Standard FY26 BER Program Description**

THE FIRST ROUND BER FY26 APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1ST. WE ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO APPLY AT ANYTIME FOR A CHANCE TO RECEIVE A BER GRANT. THERE IS ZERO RISK. THE NEXT APPLICATION REVIEW WILL BE HELD IN 2-3 MONTHS. WORK CANNOT BEGIN PRIOR TO APPROVAL AND SITE INSPECTION.



**FY26 BER PROGRAM**

100 EMPLOYEES OR LESS AT THE SPECIFIC PLACE OF BUSINESS.  
ACCEPTED CURRENT PREVAILING WAGE COMPLIANT BIDS ARE DUE WITH APPLICATION SUBMISSION IF THE BUSINESS IS READY TO START.  
PROJECTS MUST BE STARTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF APPLICATION APPROVAL.

BIDS MUST BE CURRENT WHEN SUBMITTED WITH FY26 BER APPLICATION & RELEASE.

**Contact:**

Noah Ningen  
2900 E Beltline STE:#9 Hibbing, MN. 55746  
Phone: 218-780-8061  
Email: [noah.ningen@aeoa.org](mailto:noah.ningen@aeoa.org)  
**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**