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| **Category** | **City** | **Organization Name** | **Project Description** |
| Energy Savings Category Winner | Arthur | MasterBrands Cabinets, Inc. | Installed a Regenerative Thermo Oxidizer to reduce emissions on their finishing process. Award funds will be used to install additional energy efficiency measures such as lighting, HVAC and specialty equipment. |
| Energy Savings  Second Place | Mt. Sterling | Brown County School District | Utilized Ameren Illinois incentives to replace cafeteria kitchen equipment including dishwasher, warming ovens, and other items. Award funds will be used update additional kitchen equipment such as their walk-in coolers and freezers.  They would also like to update the school facility to LEDs |
| Energy Savings  Third Place | Chillicothe | Calvary Baptist Church and Academy | The facility’s 1966 boiler developed a crack and needed to be replaced as it was the only heat source for the building.  Award funds will be used for additional energy efficiency projects throughout the church such as installing LED bulbs, LED exit signs and replacing commercial kitchen equipment. |
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| Community Benefit Category Winner | Danville | Habitat for Humanity | Relocated and revived a vacant building to expand their ReStore. Improvements included updated lighting, a new boiler and insulation. Award funds will be used for an upcoming energy efficiency project to upgrade the insulation and lighting at 711 W Columbia St in Danville, which is part of Habitat’s commitment to provide partners with safe and affordable homes. |
| Community Benefit  Second Place | Alton | Senior Services Plus, Inc. | SSP’s Handyman Program was expanded to include energy efficiency direct install measures and education. Award funds will be used to create an energy efficient housing opportunity for 2-4 seniors in a rent controlled environment. |
| Community Benefit  Third Place | Effingham | C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation | C.E.F.S. partnered with University of Illinois Extension to provide 15 interactive educational workshops in select Ameren Illinois communities. Award funds will be used to upgrade lighting in their administrative office. |
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| New Technology Category Winner | Heyworth | Village of Heyworth | Using information from the existing flow meter, the Village installed sewer plant aeration controls to reduce energy use. Use of aeration controls was a unique and more cost effective solution compared to more traditional technologies such as variable frequency drives. Award funds will be used to install occupancy sensors, outdated lighting and pumps. |
| New Technology  Second Place | Centralia | SSM Health St. Mary's and Good Samaritan | Implemented system and utility analytics to sustain facility performance and reduce energy usage from a previous Ameren Illinois retro-commissioning project. Analytics is part of a comprehensive strategy allowing them to benchmark performance, optimize facilities, capital projects and maximize building controls. Award funds will be used to make additional improvements that are identified by the new analytics system. |
| New Technology  Third Place | Elsah | The Principia AKA Principia College | Transformed an old gymnasium that sat vacant for nearly a decade into a new state-of-the-art performing arts center with innovative heating and cooling technology. Award funds will be used to install “Powertag” submeters that integrate with their building automation system. |