

## German Government Funding for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technologies

The Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) has been promoting refrigeration systems since 2008. With the new refrigeration and air conditioning guideline, which has been in force since this year, only systems with halogen-free refrigerants such as  $CO_2$  and propane now receive state support. In addition to the plants themselves, components such as refrigeration cabinets or pipelines are eligible. Another new feature is the promotion of planning services for indirect plants and a bonus for the use of renewable energies.

Possible investment subsidies can be estimated even during the planning phase, using a funding calculator. Just two weeks after the application, the applicant receives a grant letter with a subsidy amount, which provides good planning security compared to previous guidelines. The application process is relatively straightforward as it is a fixed amount support, independent of the size of paid invoices and CO<sub>2</sub> or energy savings. Businesses, non-profit organizations, communities, schools and hospitals can apply for funding. Further information is available here:

https://www.bafa.de/DE/Energie/Energieeffizienz/Klima Kaeltetechnik/klima kaeltetechnik n ode.html.

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