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We believe that some portion of the EPIC funds should be for smaller, innovative projects that fall outside of the EPIC solicitation requirements. These funds could be spent on any project that are in line with the Triennial Investment Plan and the State's energy goals, but which may not closely follow the prescribed topics. The funds could be let on a quarterly or half-year basis over the three year period.

Also, some of these funds could be set aside for smaller projects, say, in the \$200k to \$500k size. Funding for these faster, smaller projects would enable more innovative, exploratory analysis to prove out research concepts, similar to the exploratory technology development covered by the former Small Energy Innovation Grants program.