

nrtc **FUNDING ALERT!**

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Funding Amount: \$1 Billion

Program Name

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

- Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants

Funding Amount

- **\$1.055 Billion in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding**
 - Drawn from IRA Underutilized Technology Set-aside
- **Loan Program** - up to 75% of eligible project costs
- **Grant Program** - up to 50% of eligible project costs
 - Renewable Energy System (RES) Grants:
 - \$10,000 minimum
 - \$1 million maximum
 - Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI) Grants:
 - \$6,000 minimum
 - \$500,000 maximum
 - Maximum grant award applies to all affiliated entities if submitted as one application
 - Maximum grant assistance to an applicant in a fiscal year is \$1.5M
- **Combined Grant & Loan Program** - guarantees funding up to 75% of eligible project costs

Key Dates

- **Application Windows:**
 - April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023
 - July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023
 - October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023
 - January 2, 2024 - March 31, 2024
 - April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024
 - July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024

Eligible Applicants

- Agricultural producers
 - Entity directly engaged in production of agricultural products where at least 50% of their gross income is from agricultural operations
- Small businesses (meeting the Small Business Administration SBA size standards)
 - Private for-profit entity (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, or Corporation)
 - Cooperative
 - Electric utility (including a Tribal or governmental electric utility) that provides service to rural consumers and operates independent of direct government control
 - Tribal corporation or other Tribal business entities
- Agricultural producers and small businesses must have no outstanding delinquent federal taxes, debt, judgement, or debarment

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Eligible Projects

- Federal grant share of up to 50% using IRA funding for projects that meet one of the following:
 - Renewable energy systems or retrofits that produce zero greenhouse gas emissions
 - Projects located in an Energy Community defined in 26 U.S.C. 45 (b)(11)(B)
 - Energy efficiency improvement projects
 - Projects proposed by eligible Tribal entities
- All other projects remain limited to 25% or less federal grant share
- Funds for purchase and installation of renewable energy systems:
 - Biomass (biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels)
 - Geothermal for electric generation or direct use
 - Hydropower below 30 megawatts
 - Hydrogen
 - Small and large wind generation
 - Small and large solar generation
 - Ocean (tidal, current, thermal) generation
- Funds for the purchase, installation, and construction of energy efficiency improvements:
 - High efficiency heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems (HVAC)
 - Insulation
 - Lighting
 - Cooling or refrigeration units
 - Doors and windows
 - Electric, solar, or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots
 - Switching from diesel to electric irrigation motor
 - Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment
- Agricultural producers may use guaranteed loan funds to install energy efficient equipment and systems for agricultural production or processing

Eligible Areas

- Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 residents or less
- Agricultural producers can be located in rural or nonrural areas

Scoring Criteria

- Energy generated/saved/replaced - 25 points
- Previous recipient - 15 points
- Length of payback period - 15 points
- Commitment of matching funds - 10 points
- Environmental benefits - 10 points
- Disadvantaged or distressed community - 15 points
- State Director/Administrator - 10 points



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- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- Track Record of Success

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Application Forms

- Content Form 4280-3A Total Project Costs of \$80,000 or less
 - Form 4280-3A Instructions | [DOC](#) | [PDF](#)
 - [Download 4280-3A](#)
 - [E-Form 4280-3A](#)
- Form RD 4280-3B Total Project Costs of less than \$200,000 but more than \$80,000
 - Form RD 4280-3B Instructions | [DOC](#) | [PDF](#)
 - [Download 4280-3B](#)
 - [E-Form 4280-3B](#)
- Form RD 4280-3C Total Project Costs of \$200,000 and greater
 - Form RD 4280-3C Instructions | [DOC](#) | [PDF](#)
 - [Download 4280-3C](#)
 - [E-Form 4280-3C](#)
- [Application for Federal Assistance - Form SF-424](#) (pdf)
- [Budget Information - Construction Programs - Form 424-C](#) (pdf)
- [Assurances: Construction Programs - Form 424-D](#) (pdf)
- [Request for Environmental Information - Environmental Checklist](#)
- [Renewable Energy Systems Vendor Certification](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Improvement Vendor Certification](#)

Links & Contact

- [Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [REAP Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Federal Register Notice \(govinfo.gov\)](#)
- [Webinar Recording](#)
- [USDA Energy Investment Map](#)
- [USDA Energy Matrix](#)
- Please contact your [State Rural Development Energy Coordinator](#) for more information



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