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Professional Assistance for Today's Unprecedented Funding Opportunities

Funding Amount: **$21.25 Million**

Program Name

USDA Rural Energy for America (REAP) Technical Assistance Grant Program

Background

Administrator: US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Authorizing Legislation: Inflation Reduction Act

Purpose: Enable applicants to provide technical assistance to Agricultural Producers and Rural Small Businesses applying to REAP

Award: Maximum of $500,000/minimum of $100,000 per applicant, no match required

Key Dates

- **August 10 –** Last day to request technical assistance or application guidance
- **August 15 – Application Submission Deadline**
- **September 30 –** Award Date

Eligible Applicants

- Units of State, Tribal, or local government
- Land-grant colleges or universities, or other Institutions of Higher Education
- Electric cooperatives
- Public Power Entities
- Investor-owned utilities
- Councils as defined under the Resource Conservation and Development Program (16 U.S.C. 3451)
- Not-for-profit entities
- For-profit entities
- Sole proprietor businesses
- Other business entities

Eligible Activities

Activities must be directly related to providing technical assistance to Agricultural Producers or Rural Small Businesses to apply for assistance under REAP. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Providing information on how to improve energy efficiency and/or how to use Renewable Energy technologies and resources
- Conducting and promoting Energy Assessments and audits as defined in 7 CFR 4280.103
- Preparing a technical report in accordance with 7 CFR 4280.110(g)
- Assisting with filing for System Award Management (SAM) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) registrations
- Assisting with completing a REAP grant application in accordance with 7 CFR 4280.116
- Assisting with planning construction and development in accordance with 7 CFR 4280.125

- Assisting with completion of environmental reports and/or documentation required for submittal of applications

Selection Criteria

- Applicants must score at least 40 points to be considered
- Priority will be given to applicants:
  - Assisting distressed/disadvantaged communities
  - Pursuing projects using underutilized technologies
  - Pursuing projects under $20,000

Scoring Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 100 points):
- Experience implementing successful technical assistance programs – **up to 20 points**
- Soundness of approach – **up to 30 points**
- Recruitment of Priority REAP Projects – **up to 20 points**
- Performance measures – **up to 10 points**
- State Director discretionary points – **up to 20 points**

Application Process

- Contact your Rural Development State Office to request an application package

Links & Contact

- REAP Technical Assistance Grant Program NOFO
- REAP Technical Assistance Grant Program Press Release
- USDA REAP Homepage
- USDA REAP Application Page

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- Effective Grant Writing
- Track Record of Success

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