



***The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grant offers financial assistance to agricultural producers and small businesses in rural areas for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficient improvement projects. Grants can be made for 25% of the eligible project cost.***

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Agricultural producers
- Rural small businesses
- US citizen or lawful permanent US resident

#### PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- Purchase and installation of a renewable energy system
- Energy efficiency improvements
- Commercially available technology
- Project must have technical merit
- The project must be located in a rural area with a population of 50,000 or less according to the latest US census. Agricultural production projects can be located in non-rural areas of a State of the United States.
- The applicant must be the owner of the project and control the revenues and expenses of the project, including operation and maintenance.

#### GRANT FUNDING

- The amount of grant funds will not exceed 25 percent of total eligible project costs.
- The applicant is responsible for and must secure the remainder of the total eligible project costs not covered by grant funds. Other direct Federal grant funds and applicant in-kind contributions cannot be used to meet the matching fund requirement.
- Renewable energy system grant applications will be accepted for a maximum of \$500,000 (minimum grant is \$2,500)
- Energy efficiency improvement grant applications will be accepted for a maximum of \$250,000 (minimum \$1,500)

## ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

Costs must be an integral and necessary part of the renewable energy system or energy efficiency improvement. Eligible costs include the following:

- Post-application purchase and installation of equipment (new, refurbished, or remanufactured). Agricultural tillage equipment, used equipment, and vehicles are not eligible.
- Post-application construction, improvements, or retrofitting (not residential)
- Permit and license fees, professional service fees (except for application preparation)

## APPLICATIONS

Grant applications are selected for funding based on a competitive process. In determining the amount of a grant awarded, USDA will consider the following criteria:

- The type of renewable energy system to be purchased
- The estimated quantity of energy to be generated by the renewable energy system
- The expected environmental benefits of the renewable energy system
- The amount of energy savings expected to be derived from the activity, as demonstrated by an energy audit
- Estimated simple payback period

## FOR MORE INFORMATION / HOW TO APPLY

Contact the USDA Rural Development Business Program Specialist according to the project location:

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