



Energize Missouri Renewable Energy Study Subgrants

Division of Energy fact sheet

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To increase the ability of businesses, governments and organizations to make informed decisions about complex renewable energy systems, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is providing grants for renewable energy resource assessments and renewable energy project feasibility studies.

Background

Funding for *Energize Missouri Renewable Energy Study Subgrants* comes from the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program, or SEP, made possible by funds from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of the Recovery Act is to stimulate the economy and create and retain jobs. As well as increase energy efficiency, reduce reliance on imported energy, improve the reliability of energy resources and services, and reduce the impacts of energy production and use on the environment.

Grant Funding Details

The department intends to provide grants, on a competitive basis, for two focus areas: (a) Renewable Energy Resources Assessments and (b) Feasibility Studies of Renewable Energy Projects. In recognition of the wide range and complexity of activities that could qualify for funding under this solicitation, the department will determine if an individual proposal is qualified for this program.

- **Renewable Energy Resources Assessments** should focus on the investigation and evaluation of local or regional renewable energy resources or commercial/industrial waste streams which could potentially be used in renewable energy projects. Renewable energy resources include biomass, biogas, solar, wind, geothermal, low head hydro, commercial and industrial waste/byproduct streams, and other renewable/alternative energy resources approved by the department.
- **Feasibility Studies of Renewable Energy Projects** should, by using renewable energy resources and various site-specific waste streams, focus on the application and evaluation of existing or near-term opportunities and energy needs of businesses or corporations. To further optimize effort and expenditures, the department will place emphasis on proposals that demonstrate strong technical merit and near-term implementation viability to enhance the performance of Missouri's renewable energy industry. Proposals are also expected to produce measurable outcomes in regard to energy, the environment and the economy.

Funding Amounts

The department has allocated a total of \$900,000 statewide for this funding opportunity. A maximum grant of \$50,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to each recipient based on project evaluation criteria.

Cash Match or Cost-Share

Cash match, or cost-share, is preferred, but not required. However, proposals with budgets exceeding the total award cap will be considered only if proof of matching funds is provided to the department.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include Missouri businesses, corporations, not-for-profit organizations, universities and research institutions, county or city governments, and individuals. Collaboration or partnerships among eligible entities is encouraged. Partnerships with non-eligible entities are allowed, but applications must be submitted by an eligible entity.

Applications

The department will accept applications for funding from May 5 through June 2. Applicants must follow the specified deadline, format and guidelines to complete the application. One original and five hard copies of the completed and signed application, including any supporting documents, and a compact disc containing corresponding electronic application must be received at the following address by June 2:

*Energize Missouri Renewable Energy
Study Subgrants
Attn: Kay Johannpeter
Division of Energy
Missouri Department of Economic Development
Harry S. Truman Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101*

The Request for Proposals, which includes an application form, may be found on the department's website at ded.mo.gov/transform/energizemissourirenewablestudies.htm.

Period of Performance

For planning purposes, projects should be completed in no more than 12 months from the date of the award. The department reserves the right to review the grant recipient's work at any time with or without notice to ensure it is performed in a manner consistent with program guidelines.

For More Information:

Questions should be sent via e-mail or fax to one of the following before June 2, 2010:

- E-mail: ming.xu@ded.mo.gov. E-mails should include contact information of the sender (name, organization, mailing address, phone number).
- Fax questions to: 573-526-7553 (Attention: Ming Xu, DED Division of Energy)