

USDA Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program



REAP RES/EEI Projects

- **Grants**
- **Loan Guarantees**
- **Grant/Guaranteed Loan Combinations**

REAP Grants (RES & EEI Projects)

- **Finances up to 25% of the cost of a rural energy project**
- **Maximum REAP grant: \$500,000**
(\$250,000 max for energy efficiency)

REAP Guaranteed Loans

- **Lender-driven: federal guarantee of bank loans for energy projects**
- **\$25 million max loan amount**
- **Lender gets a 60-85% guarantee on their loan** (depending on loan size)
- **Loan can finance up to 75% of project**

REAP “Combos” (Grants & Guaranteed Loans)

- **Combination cannot exceed 75% of project cost**
- **“Combo” requires a lender**

REAP Eligible Technologies

- **Wind** – turbines, small & large
- **Solar** – PV or hot-water
- **Biomass & Bioenergy** – biofuels (e.g., biodiesel) or electricity (e.g., biomass boilers & wood pellets) from renewable organic source materials
- **Anaerobic Digester** – animal waste
- **Geothermal** – electric or direct use
- **Hydroelectric** – micro-hydro (30 megawatts or less)
- **Ocean** – proven technologies only
- **Energy Efficiency**

REAP Eligible Applicants

- **Agricultural Producers**
(50% or more of income from agriculture operation)
- **Small Rural Businesses**
(SBA size standards)

Not eligible:

- **Nonprofits & Public Entities**
- **Residential projects**

REAP Other Requirements

- **Project must be located in rural area** (non-metro)
- **Own and control project site**
- **Commercially-available technology**
(not R & D or demonstration projects)

REAP Process

(RES and EEI Projects)

- **2011 Notice of Solicitation of Applications (Anticipated 3/11)**
- **Early submissions critical**
- **Accepting applications for 2011**

REAP Funds Available

- **FY 2009 Funding = \$62.5 Million**
- **FY 2010 Funding = \$60 Million (Mandatory)**
\$39.34 Million (Discretionary)
\$99.34 Million Total Funding
- **FY 2011 & 2012 Mandatory Funding = \$70 Million**

2011 State Allocation (RES and EEI)

- **\$698,022 - Grants > \$20,000**
- **\$418,022 - Grants \$20,000 or less**
- **\$1,443,000 - Loan Guarantee**

REAP Grants

“The Sweet Spot”

Projects with best chance of success:

- **Small renewable energy and energy efficiency projects**
 - **\$20,000 or less grant request (special set aside)**
 - **Cost \leq \$200,000, i.e. $<$ \$50,000 grant request)**
 - **Energy Efficiency, Solar, small wind**
 - **Such projects submit simpler applications**
 - **No feasibility study required, less detailed Technical Report**

Past REAP Projects in California

- **Solar PV** (most popular) 28
- **Anaerobic Digesters** 1
- **Small Wind**
- **Biofuel Production**
- **Direct Geothermal** 1
- **Energy Efficiency** (lighting)

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