

# Rural Energy for America Program Grants



Committed to the future of rural communities.

USDA Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) has grants, guaranteed loans and combination grant/guaranteed loans available to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

## **Des Moines State Office**

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### **Eligible Applicants:**

- Agricultural producer that is directly engaged in the production of agricultural products and obtains at least 50% of gross income from this business
- Rural small business as defined by the Small Business Administration's standards: [www.sba.gov/content/table-small-business-size-standards](http://www.sba.gov/content/table-small-business-size-standards) (Rural - less than 50,000)

### **Eligible Project Costs:**

- Post-application purchase and installation of equipment (new, refurbished, or remanufactured), except agricultural tillage equipment, used equipment, and vehicles.
- Post-application construction or improvements, except residential.
- Energy audits or assessments.
- Permit and license fees.
- Professional service fees, except for application preparation.
- Feasibility studies, Technical reports, and Business plans
- Retrofitting.
- Construction of a new energy efficient facility only when the facility is used for the same purpose, is approximately the same size, and, based on the energy assessment or audit, will provide more energy savings than improving an existing facility.
- Energy efficiency improvements, as identified in an energy assessment or audit. (Equipment identified by the audit to be replaced shall be replaced with equipment similar in capacity. If the energy efficiency improvement has a greater capacity than the existing equipment, the Agency will pro-rate the energy efficiency improvement's total eligible project costs based on the capacity of the existing equipment)

### **Grant amounts:**

- Energy Efficiency:  
Minimum - \$1,500; Maximum - \$250,000
- Renewable Energy Systems:  
Minimum - \$2,500; Maximum - \$500,000

### **Project Eligibility:**

- The project must be for a pre-commercial or commercially available, and replicable technology.
- The project must have technical merit.
- The applicant must be the owner of the project and control the revenues and expenses of the project, including operation and maintenance. A third party under contract to the owner may be used to control revenues and expenses and manage the operation and/or maintenance of the project.

### **Types of Projects:**

#### **Renewable Energy:**

- Bioenergy
- Anaerobic digester
- Geothermal – electric generation and direct use
- Small and large wind or solar
- Hydropower
- Hydrogen

#### **Energy Efficiency:**

- Improvements need to be verified by an energy audit or assessment

### **Application Process:**

- Applications may be submitted to any USDA Rural Development Area or State office and must meet all requirements, including technical and environmental.
- Applications are accepted any time. To compete for current Fiscal Year funding, contact your Area Office or visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia) for specific due dates.

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