

Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP)

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Department of Agriculture	<u>Bureau:</u> Rural Business-Cooperative Service
<u>Application Deadline:</u> Letter of Intent: April 19, 2022 Application: July 18, 2022 at 11:59 PM ET	<u>Max Award:</u> \$2 million

Description

The Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) offers grant assistance to Rural Energy Community Partnerships (RECPs) to develop renewable energy to help meet our nation's energy needs and combat climate change while prioritizing environmental justice, racial equity, and economic opportunity. RECPs can receive funds to establish and develop clean energy communities through the deployment of community-scale distributed energy technologies, innovations and solutions.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible applicants must be a rural energy community partnership (RECP) defined as “a partnership established to provide assistance to an identified community for purposes including but are not limited to: community energy planning, capacity building, and technical assistance, community efficiency and weatherization and the deployment, installation, or equipping of community-scale renewable energy technologies or systems.”

The partnership must be comprised of at least two entities including, but not limited to: private entities, state and local entities, Indian Tribes, and municipalities and other public bodies.

The lead applicant must be one of the following entities: 1) a District organization; 2) an Indian Tribe; 3) a State, political subdivision of the State including a local government, or a consortium of political subdivisions; 4) a public or private nonprofit organization.

Matching Grant Requirements

20% matching grant minimum requirement

Eligible Projects

REPP grant funds can be used to support:

- Community energy planning, capacity building, technical assistance, efficiency and weatherization (up to 20 percent of awarded funds per funding request)
- Installation and equipping of community-scale renewable energy technologies and systems

New or Existing Program	New program
Tips for Being Competitive	<p>Priority is given to distressed and high energy-burden communities, in which households spend a greater proportion of their income on energy costs compared to the average U.S. household. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distressed Rural Communities; • Distressed Energy Communities; • Communities with High Energy Burdens; • Centers for Disease Control—Socially Vulnerable Communities; • Qualified Opportunity Zone Communities; and • Disadvantaged Communities.
Examples of Prior Award Recipients	N/A
Agency Contact	<p>Anthony Crooks Phone (202) 205–9322 Email: RuralEnergyPilotProgram@usda.gov</p>
Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 24, 2022: Submitting a REPP Complete Application • June 28, 2022: REPP Question & Answer Hour <p>Registration details will be posted to the REPP homepage.</p>
Types of Partners Required	Applicants must form a RECP comprised of at least two entities including, but not limited to: private entities, state and local entities, Indian Tribes, and municipalities and other public bodies.
Total Allocation	\$10 million
Links to Grant Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Energy Pilot Program Homepage and Application Portal • Required Letter of Intent Guide • Notice of Funding Opportunity • Rural Energy Pilot Program Factsheet • REPP FAQ • REPP Program Introduction Webinar Recording • REPP - Letter of Intent Webinar Recording