



## Recovery Act: Community Renewable Energy Deployment

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### Program Overview

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) works to strengthen the United States' energy security, environmental quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships. The purpose of this FOA is as follows:

- To improve knowledge and to promote acceleration of market adoption of renewable energy (RE) technologies.

### Project Guidelines:

Projects should address the technical, economic, and policy barriers to implementing a combination of renewable energy technologies into one integrated solution for a community to reduce its carbon footprint.

Eligible renewable energy technologies for purposes of this FOA include but are not limited to, electric or thermal energy generated from solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas, ocean (including tidal, wave, current, and thermal), geothermal, or new hydroelectric generation capacity achieved from increased efficiency or additions of new capacity at an existing hydroelectric project, as defined in EAct 2005

Successful applicants must submit a comprehensive project plan that describes how the project will be planned and implemented. The comprehensive project plan should specify:

1. The renewable energy implementation plan, including the intended market (for local use or export), the proposed renewable energy capacity additions and fuel sources (if applicable), interconnection requirements, permitting and siting requirements, environmental reviews, and implementation partners.
2. The project implementation partners, including state and local government, utilities, renewable energy project developers, renewable energy credit (REC) marketers, and other community stakeholders such as businesses, nonprofits and educational institutions.
3. A preliminary economic assessment for the proposed project and description of the plan to obtain necessary financing.
4. The measurement, verification and reporting plan, including project documentation to facilitate and encourage other communities to implement similar approaches.

Successful applicants will demonstrate: how large-scale renewable energy deployment will be facilitated through a comprehensive community energy strategy, adoption of codes and standards to support interconnection of renewable energy systems

Applicants should demonstrate how results will be replicated, including documentation of their process and results

The ability of the applicant to complete environmental analyses and obtain environmental permits and approvals will be a major factor in selecting projects for funding. The applicant is expected to describe and supply evidence of any environmental analyses and approvals obtained to date (e.g., Federal, State, or local permitting, National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA], or other) and describe those needed before the proposed project can be implemented.

## Funding:

- Approximately \$21.45 million is expected to be available for new awards under this announcement.
- Ceiling (i.e., the maximum amount for an individual award made under this announcement): \$ 21.45 million
- Floor (i.e., the minimum amount for an individual award made under this announcement): \$5 million
- DOE anticipates making one to four awards under this announcement, depending on the size of the awards.
- While the maximum award size (i.e., the ceiling) is \$21.45 million, DOE anticipates that awards will be in the \$5 - 7 million range for the total project period

## Application Requirements (All materials unless otherwise noted must be saved in PDF format.)

1. Adobe Acrobat Package (Available on Grants.gov or through FedConnect)
  - a. Materials included in the package are
    - i. SF 424 – Application for Federal Assistance
    - ii. Project/Performance Site Locations
    - iii. SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if applicable
  - b. Must save and attach the file to the FedConnect submission. Do not use the save and submit button located within the application package as it is not compatible with FedConnect.
2. Project/Performance Site Location(s)
3. Project Summary/Abstract (save as “Summary.pdf”)
4. Project Narrative (save as “Project.pdf”)
5. Project Objectives
6. Merit Review Criterion Discussion ( DOE will only evaluate and consider those applications that address separately each of the merit review criterion and sub-criterion.
7. Project Timetable
8. Relevance and Outcomes/Impacts
9. Multiple Principal Investigators, if applicable
10. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Information
11. Resume File (must be saved as “resume.pdf”)
12. SF 424A – Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (Excel) (save as “SF424A.xls”)
13. Budget Justification (save as “budget.pdf”)
14. Davis Bacon Statement (must be saved as “DavisBacon.pdf”)
15. Sub-award Budgets, if applicable
16. Environmental Questionnaire (must be saved under the file name “environmental.pdf”)
17. Project Management Plan (must be saved under the file name “pmp.pdf”)
18. SF-LLL disclosure of lobbying activities (must be saved as “SF-LLL.pdf”)

## Special Instructions

Indicate the primary site where the work will be performed. If a portion of the project will be performed at any other site(s), identify the site location(s) in the blocks provided. **Note: that the Project/Performance Site Congressional District is entered in the format of the 2 digit state code followed by a dash and a 3 digit Congressional district code; for example, VA-001.**

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