

Grant Funding for Agricultural Producers and Small Rural Businesses from The U.S. Department of Agriculture

RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (REAP)

Turn your idea into a reality while conserving energy, reducing costs, and protecting the environment.

Improve your Equipment or Operational Efficiency with Grant Funds.

Eligible Projects may include:

- Lighting efficiency
- Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Insulation
- Cooling/refrigeration units
- Doors and window replacement
- Electric solar or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots
- Energy conversion from diesel to electric irrigation motor
- Energy Efficient equipment upgrades.
- Fuel switching to Biomass or geothermal
- Hydropower (<30Megawatts)
- Hydrogen power
- Small and large solar
- Ocean generation (tidal, etc.)

Who is Eligible?

- Rural Small Business owners
- Agricultural Producers
- Cooperatives
- Tribal Corporations

SCEC can assist you with the registration and application requirements. Reach out to us today!

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Funding Limits and Availability for Eligible Projects:

25% Grant:

Renewable Energy: \$2,500 to \$1MM

Energy Efficiency: \$1,500 to \$500,000

- Project is a Renewable Energy System (RES), or RES retrofit that produces zero greenhouse gas emissions (Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrous Oxide, or Fluorinated Gases) at the project level.
- Project is located in an Energy Community as defined in 26 USC 45(b)(11)(B) and determined by the Department of the Treasury.
- Project is an Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI).
- Project is proposed from an eligible Tribal Corporation or other Tribal Business entity (including agriculture operations) as described in 7 CFR part 4280.
- All other projects are limited to 25% Federal grant share
- Other program requirements may apply

Other requirements:

- You must be a US citizen with your business or agricultural operation in Washington County, ME to qualify for SCEC assistance with this program.
- All projects must have technical merit and utilize commercially available technology.
- Energy efficiency projects require an energy audit or assessment.
- All projects require an environmental review prior to award or construction
- Additional funding for eligible projects through Efficiency Maine, Energy Star or other energy conservation program incentives.

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