

New ARRA Funding Opportunity Announcement Community Renewable Energy Deployment (CRED): DOE Announces up to \$21.45 million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment August 11, 2009

FOA DE-FOA – 0000122

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Review questions on [fed_connect](#) for additional information on this fund announcement and full fund announcement for details for applying.

Estimated Funding

- Approximately \$21.45 million is expected to be available for new awards under this announcement.

Maximum and Minimum Award Size

- 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

Purpose: FOA is to move EERE toward one of its goals to improve knowledge and to promote acceleration of market adoption of renewable energy (RE) technologies. This FOA supports implementation of the Recovery Act by creating jobs, promoting economic recovery, and investing in renewable energy infrastructure. 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. Projects should support and enable the deployment goals across the portfolio of EERE's renewable energy programs, with the intent of creating examples that can be further replicated by other communities, nationally and internationally.

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 EPA Act 2005.

This (FOA) is to provide financial assistance that can be leveraged to support widespread deployment of renewable energy installations throughout communities on a sustained basis. DOE is seeking to fund projects that focus on

a community as a whole (e.g., city, county). While a project could propose installations on private residences and businesses, the intent of this FOA is to support renewable energy projects that focus on the community as a whole.

Eligibility: In accordance with 10 CFR 600.6(b), eligibility for award is restricted to state and local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations or Groups.

Local government is defined as "a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority (including any public and Indian housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937) school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (whether or not incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under state law), any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government

Match: 50 % cost share. The cost share must be at least 50% of the total allowable costs and must come from non-Federal sources unless otherwise allowed by law. See 10 CFR Part 600.224 for the applicable cost sharing requirements. Non-federal funds should be spent in the same proportion as federal funds. For example, if 20 percent of federal funds have been spent, the expectation is that 20 percent of non-federal funds be spent as well.

QECB's and CREB's are eligible for use as matching funds so long as the bondholder is a non-federal source. If a federal entity is the bondholder, the funds are considered federal and cannot be used to calculate recipient cost share. Similarly, funds secured through a federal loan guarantee program can be used to calculate non-federal cost share so long as a private bank provides the financing. Typically, the government provides the loan guarantee and a private bank provides the financing. However, there are situations where Federal Financing Bank provides the financing. In those cases, the funds would be considered federal funds and cannot be used for cost share purposes.

NEPA Review –

An environmental questionnaire must be completed. EF1 must be prepared and submitted with the application.