

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Administered by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), this program provides **guaranteed loan financing** and **grant funding** to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers can also apply for new energy-efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.

Applications are accepted year-round.

Eligibility

Agricultural producers with at least 50% of their gross income coming from agricultural operations and rural small businesses including cooperatives, electric utilities, and Tribal corporations/businesses

Funding Allocations

Funds will be available through renewable energy system grants and energy efficiency improvement grants.

Eligible Grant Activities

Funds may be used for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems, such as:

- New or refurbished equipment purchase and installation
- Biomass (ex: biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels)
- Geothermal for electric generation or direct use
- Hydropower below 30 megawatts
- Hydrogen
- Small and large wind generation
- Small and large solar generation
- Ocean (tidal, current, thermal) generation

Funds may also be used for the purchase, installation and construction of energy efficiency improvements, such as:

- High efficiency heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems (HVAC)
- Insulation
- Lighting
- Cooling or refrigeration units
- Doors and windows
- Electric, solar or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots
- Switching from a diesel to electric irrigation motor
- Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment



How to Maximize REAP Funds

Loan guarantees on loans up to 75% of total eligible project costs. Grants for up to 50% of total eligible project costs. Combined grant and loan guarantee funding up to 75% of total eligible project costs.

More Information

Applicants must provide matching funds if applying for a grant only. Applicants must provide at least 25% of the project cost if applying for loan.

We're Here to Help!

The Environmental Resilience Institute closely follows funding opportunities for Indiana communities. Local governments and their partners can contact us with questions about grant funding or for information about creating a climate action plan.

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