

# Renewable Energy EIED Grant

## Questions & Answers Round 2

### March 3, 2025

Question	Answer
<p>How do you expect to distribute awards across the project categories? How many awards do you expect to make? How many awards within each project categories?</p> <p>How are you defining infrastructure – could planning for rooftop solar at scale or battery backups at scale be considered infrastructure? If so, at what aggregated scale?</p> <p>Would a traditional biochar facility be considered an eligible infrastructure? Or would the kiln need to have an energy capture / conversion element?</p>	<p>Section III-D Tasks, letter C provides criteria for a Renewable Energy and Electrification Facilities or Program Planning Grant application. There is not a pre-specified quantity or distribution of the grant money.</p> <p>Solar projects are considered renewable energy systems as described under eligible projects in Section III-E. The grant objectives related to infrastructure and planning projects are described in the RE-EIED Grant RFP Section III-C.</p> <p>A biochar facility has been considered as renewable energy in other contexts (i.e., US Department of Energy and Office of Energy Efficiency &amp; Renewable Energy), but that would not necessarily be determinative for this grant process. If you submit a proposal under this grant opportunity, provide as much detail as possible about the project and why it should be considered renewable energy and electrification infrastructure, which would help in the evaluation process. The proposal must also meet the grant criteria described in Part III of the <a href="#">Renewable Energy EIED Grant 2025 RFP</a>.</p>
<p>We want to apply for grant money to help put up solar panels for our church. Our total solar panels cost amounts to \$140,000. Our electricity costs are about \$20,000 per year and we'd rather put money into services. Our church houses service organizations and functions like a center for this low income community. Are we eligible for this grant? Are you interested in large-scale projects rather than projects like ours?</p>	<p>A church may apply for this grant opportunity as they are considered a nonprofit organization.</p> <p>For purposes of this RFP, the following types of entities are eligible to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Businesses</li> <li>2. Nonprofit organizations</li> <li>3. Local units of government</li> <li>4. Tribal governments</li> </ol> <p>Installing solar panels is considered an eligible project to be considered if the project fits within the parameters outlined in the RFP and meet the grant criteria described in Part III of the RE-EIED Grant RFP. <a href="#">Renewable Energy EIED Grant 2025 RFP</a></p>

<p>We received an award through the first RE-EIED grant round. Are we eligible to apply for this round?</p> <p>If we are eligible, can we apply to enhance the current project we are undertaking with round one funding, or do funds from this round need to be deployed on a separate project?</p> <p>Related, could funding from this round be used to support operations and maintenance costs that might be incurred in the 1-2 years after the end of the project funded in round one?</p>	<p>Yes. Renewable energy and electrification infrastructure enhancement projects are eligible. Anyone who meets the criteria to apply for this grant may apply, regardless of previous grant awards.</p> <p>Yes. The grant application should detail the additional work being requested for funding under <b>this</b> grant opportunity to cover the cost of the work being proposed within the established timeframe.</p> <p>No. Ongoing operations and maintenance costs are not eligible under this grant. Only costs related to renewable energy and electrification infrastructure enhancement and development are eligible.</p>
<p>Are electrical power utility providers eligible for this grant?</p>	<p>A public utility may apply for this grant opportunity. They are considered a Business.</p> <p>For purposes of this RFP, the following types of entities are eligible to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Businesses</li> <li>2. Nonprofit organizations</li> <li>3. Local units of government</li> <li>4. Tribal governments</li> </ol>
<p>Are funds available for CNG Infrastructure to build a CNG station?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The criteria for a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) application can be found in the RE-EIED Grant RFP under Section III-D Tasks, letter B.</li> <li>2. In addition, renewable natural gas facilities are included under Eligible Projects in section III-E.</li> <li>3. Finally, according to PA 121 of 2024, renewable natural gas is used in this section as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) "Renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects" includes, but is not limited to, renewable natural gas facilities and electric vehicle fast-charging infrastructure upgrades on publicly owned land within 1/2 mile of a United States highway or state trunkline roadway.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>