

Section 9006

USDA Energy Program

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Wind

Solar

Geothermal

Biomass

Hydrogen

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Buildings

Industrial
(Equipment)

“Replacement”



Eligible Applicants

- **Agricultural Producers**

- Directly engaged in ag production
- 50%+ of gross income from ag operations

- **Rural Small Businesses**

- Must meet SBA small business size standards
- Go to SBA website and locate the table of size standards



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<http://www.sba.gov/size/index.html>

- **Full** applications

- Total eligible project costs of **more than \$200,000**

- Can be pre-commercial or commercial technology

- **Simplified** applications

- Total eligible project costs of **\$200,000 or less**

- Commercial technology



Amount of financial assistance	<i>Renewable Energy</i>	<i>Energy Efficiency</i>
<i>Minimum grant (up to 25 % of total eligible project costs)</i>	\$ 2500	\$ 1500
<i>Maximum grant (up to 25 % of total eligible project costs)</i>	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000
<i>Minimum guaranteed loan (up to 50 % of total eligible project costs)</i>	\$ 5000	\$ 5000
<i>Maximum guaranteed loan (up to 50 % of total eligible project costs)</i>	\$10 million	\$10 million
<i>Minimum combination grant & loan (up to 50 % of total eligible project costs)</i>	\$ 5000	\$ 5000
<i>Minimum grant portion of the combined funding request</i>	\$ 1500	\$ 1500
<i>Maximum grant assistance in any one fiscal year per borrower</i>	\$ 750,000	
<i>Maximum total amount of loans guaranteed to any one borrower</i>	\$10 million	
<i>Guaranteed loan - Equity evidence by borrowers</i>	= or < \$600,000 – not less than 15% of eligible project costs > \$600,000 – not less than 25% of eligible project costs	
<i>Maximum percentage of guarantee</i>	=or< \$600,000	85%
	>\$600,000 & =or< \$5 million	80%
	>\$5 million & =or< \$10 million	70%

Technical requirements	<i>Renewable Energy (RE)</i> -Total Eligible Project Costs	<i>Energy Efficiency (EE)</i> - Total Eligible Project Costs
Energy assessment or energy audit required –conducted by energy assessor or energy auditor	NA	= or < \$50,000
Energy audit required – conducted by or reviewed by energy auditor	NA	> \$50,000
Technical report – Appendix A <i>Commercial technology</i>	= or <\$200,000	= or <\$200,000
Full technical report – Appendix B <i>Pre-Commercial or Commercial technology</i>	> \$200,000	> \$200,000
Licensed PE requirement – requires a design review, installation monitoring, testing prior to commercial operation, and project completion certification by PE	> \$400,000	> \$200,000
Technical report reviewed with opinion & recommendation by qualified independent consultant	>\$1,200,000	>\$1,200,000
Renewable Energy - Business level feasibility study	> \$200,000	No

www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia/rbs.html


- **Click on energy program**
- **Next – click on your choice**
 - **Grant information**
 - **Guaranteed loan information**
- **Chart of Information will appear**



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- 1. How do you apply?**
- 2. Determine eligibility**
- 3. Contact experts, assemble a team, & scope out your project.**
- 4. Start early**
- 5. Make the technical report a team effort**



- **Make sure the application is complete.**
- **Submit 2 copies of the application before the deadline –**
 - Grants need to be postmarked by **May 12** 
 - Combination grants & guaranteed loans or guaranteed loans only can be handed in **any time**. 