

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

April 5, 2023

USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

USDA announced the availability of \$1.055 billion in grants for the REAP program across six quarterly cycles until Sep.30, 2024, including a new 25% or 50% federal share for grants, a set-aside for underutilized renewable energy technologies, as well as scoring revisions! REAP provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements. Businesses must be in located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 residents or less. Examples of energy improvements include HVAC, insulation, lighting, cooling or refrigeration units, doors and windows, replacement of energy-inefficient equipment, and more. 20% of funds will be set aside each year until Jun.30th for grant requests \$20,000 or less. Maximum grant awards are \$1.5 million and loans are \$5,000-\$25 million in a fiscal year. Combined grant and loan awards will not exceed 75% federal share.

For awards made after Apr.1st, 2023, the new scoring criteria will be applied. The next deadline for this quarter is **Jun.30th, 2023**. For more information and to apply, [click here!](#)

Scoring Criteria for REAP RES/EEI applications submitted on and after April 1, 2023	
Points	Criteria
25	Energy generated/saved/replaced
15	Previous recipient? If no, 15 points and scales from there
15	Length of payback period
10	Commitment of matching funds
10	Environmental benefits
15	Located in a Disadvantaged Community or a Distressed Community.
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10	State Director/Administrator Pts.
100	Total

OTHER RESOURCES

Rural Health Care Coordination Program

This Program offers up to \$300,000 in grants to cities, counties, non-profits, and partnerships with three or more health care providers to fund community based rural health care programs. No match required. Deadline to apply is May.26, 2023. For more information, [click here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

TxCDBG Fair Housing: Overview & Best Practices

April 18th, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To attend, [click here!](#)

Graduate Pathways Hiring Event

April 13th, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

For more information, [click here!](#)

Grant Writing, Part 2

April 12th, 2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [click here!](#)



FTA Emergency Relief for Major Declared Disasters in 2017 & 2020-2022

April 6th, 2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [click here!](#)