WHAT IS THE RENEW AMERICA'S NONPROFITS PROGRAM?

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Renew America's Nonprofits program provides grants for energy efficiency projects in nonprofit buildings. This first-of-its-kind investment will reduce emissions, save energy, and lower utility costs, allowing nonprofits to redirect critical funds to mission-focused work.

Eligible nonprofits can apply to be Prime Recipients and propose a plan to create a portfolio of building efficiency projects across many nonprofit buildings. In this portfolio, Primes will sub-award grants of up to $200,000 to nonprofit 501(c)(3) subrecipients that own and operate their buildings, for building energy efficiency improvements. Partners may complement the services of Primes by providing technical, financial, or other assistance to portfolio entities. **DOE anticipates awarding $45 million in grants to 5-15 Prime Recipients.** Individual awards are expected to be between $3-$9 million.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Applicants must be nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code. All renovations, repairs, or installations under this provision must be performed on building(s) owned and operated by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization(s).

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

1. **Consider which role may be a good fit for your organization:**
   - Prime recipient: a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization interested in serving as a program lead and applying to this grant as a prospective Prime Recipient.
   - Subrecipient: a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that owns and operates their building, needs energy efficiency upgrades, and is interested in engaging with prospective Prime Recipients as a prospective subrecipient.
   - Partner: an organization capable of partnering with/enhancing the services of a prospective Prime Recipient.

2. **Join the Teaming List (optional)**
   - DOE has established this Teaming List to facilitate engagement and partnership-building amongst various stakeholders.
   - Joining the Teaming List allows others to reach out to your organization about the funding opportunity. It does not commit you to applying or serving as a subrecipient or partner.

3. **Build your team:**
   - New and existing partnerships may be included in an application.
     Follow updates to the current Teaming List and reach out to form and/or build relationships with other stakeholders.
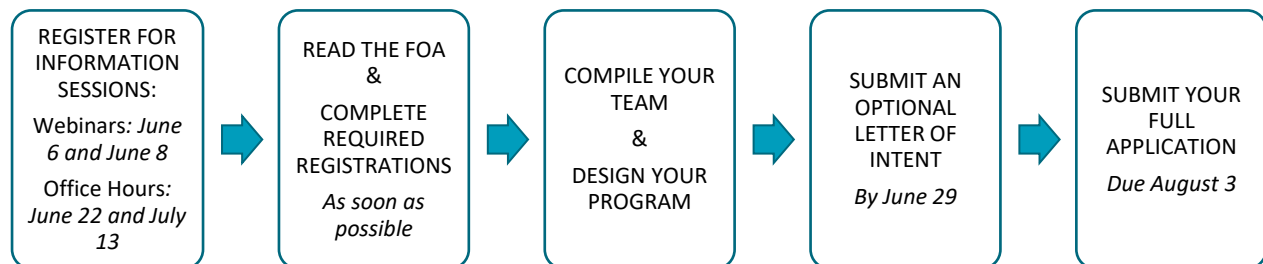
WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED?

Eligible energy efficient improvements include materials (product, equipment, or system), the installation of which results in a reduction in use by a nonprofit organization of energy or fuel. Examples include lighting upgrades, roof replacements with insulation, HVAC upgrades, and door or window replacements. Projects that include fuel switching may also be eligible if they result in energy savings. Renewable energy projects are not eligible.

HOW DOES AN ORGANIZATION APPLY?

The chart below outlines the schedule of upcoming events and application milestones.

REGISTER FOR INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Webinars*: June 6 and June 8*

Office Hours*: June 22 and July 13* → READ THE FOA & COMPLETE REQUIRED REGISTRATIONS *As soon as possible* → COMPILE YOUR TEAM & DESIGN YOUR PROGRAM → SUBMIT AN OPTIONAL LETTER OF INTENT *By June 29* → SUBMIT YOUR FULL APPLICATION *Due August 3*

Required registrations include: SCEP Funding Opportunity Infrastructure Exchange; Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM) account; and Fed Connect.

Please note that Full Applications must be submitted by August 3 at 5pm ET. Late applications will not be considered. DOE recommends interested applicants submit a 2-page Letter of Intent by June 29 at 5pm ET, however, Letters of Intent are not required to submit a Full Application.

WHAT WOULD MAKE A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION?

Application reviewers will consider the strength of the project team and program plan; energy related impacts of portfolios, including energy and cost savings, emissions reductions, and cost effectiveness; leverage and sustainability impacts; and community benefits. See FOA Section IV.A.i.

IS THERE A COST SHARE REQUIREMENT?

The cost share requirement is 20%. Cost share funds must come from non-federal sources, and can be provided by the Prime recipient, subrecipients, third parties, and/or state and local governments.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

1. **DOE will host informational webinars and office hours** in June and July**.** Registration links and recordings will be available on Infrastructure Exchange.

2. **Questions can be emailed to Nonprofits@DOE.gov**. Questions will be answered through a Q&A spreadsheet posted and regularly updated on Infrastructure Exchange.

3. **Refer to the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)** for a full description.