



Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

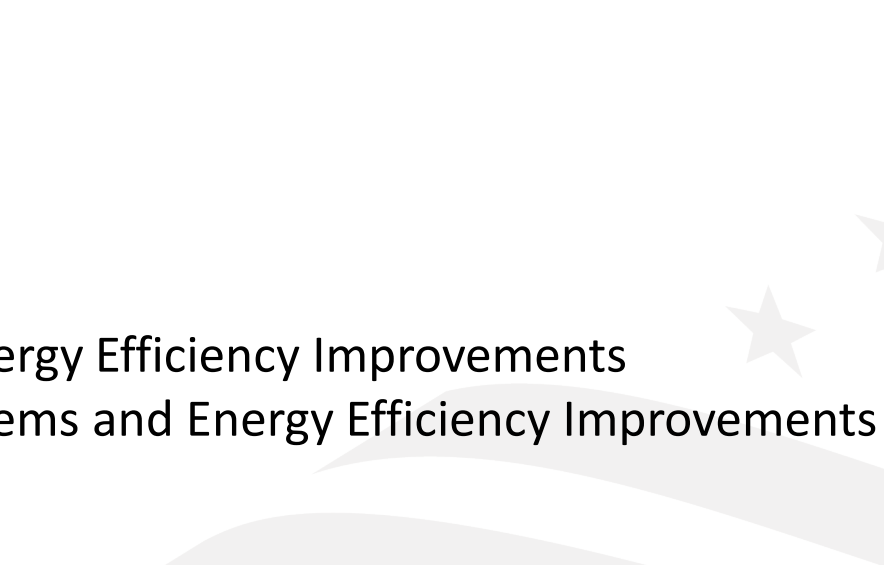
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

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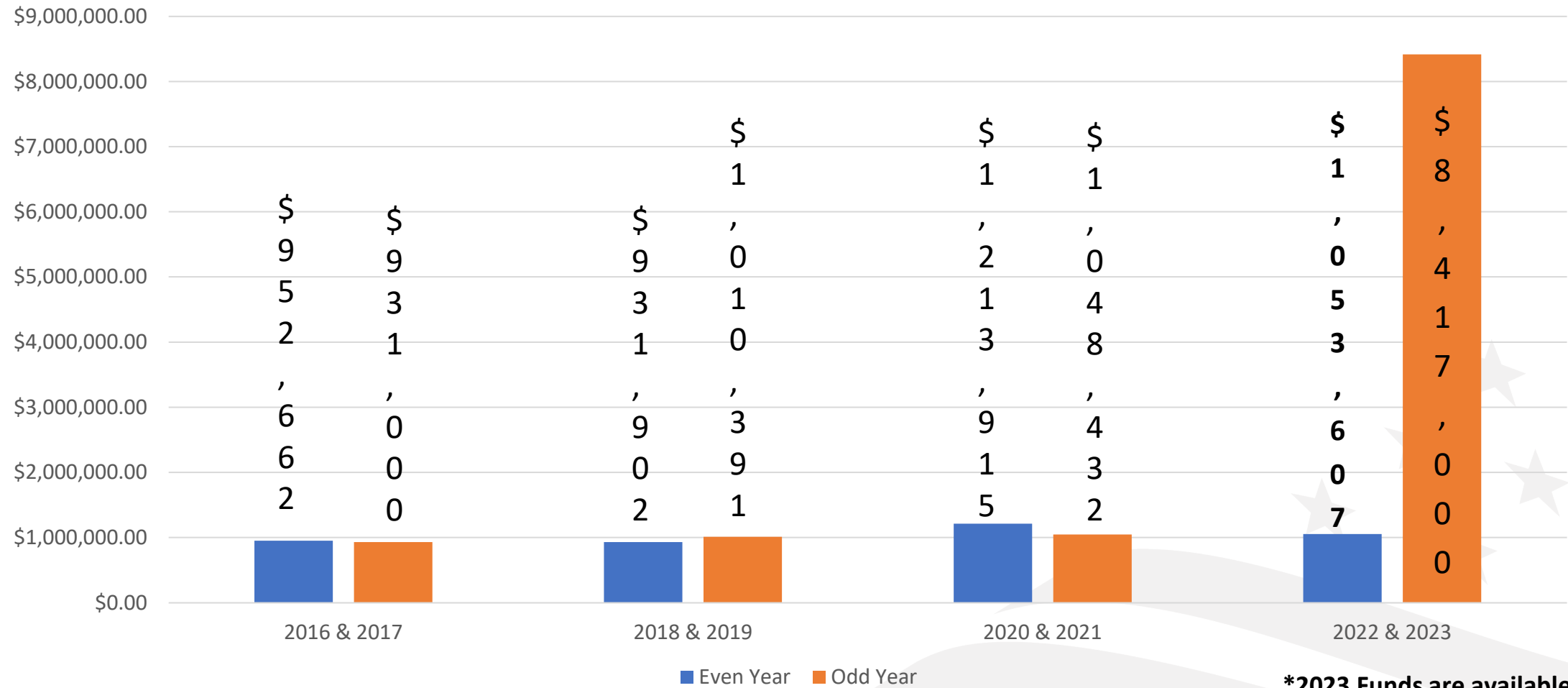
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Background

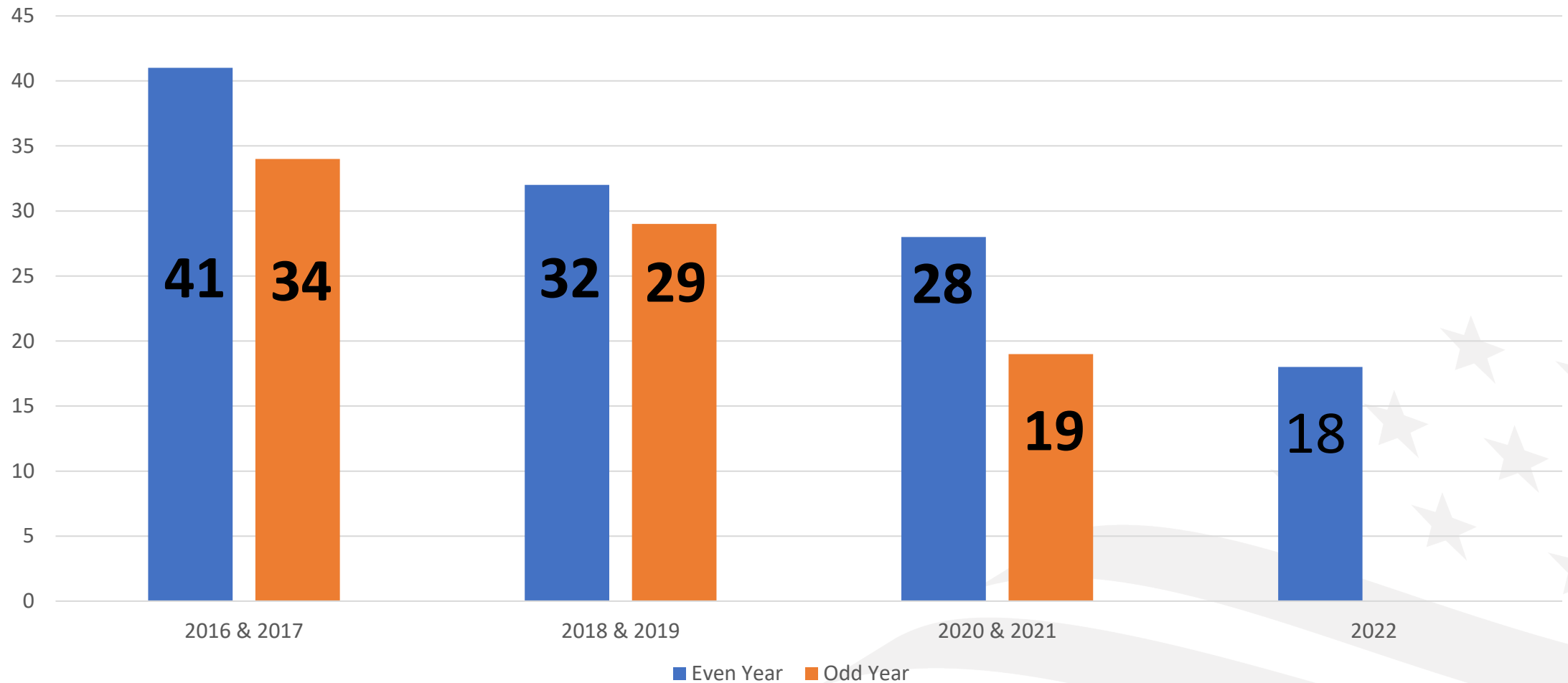
- ❑ Rural Development's First Energy Program, Section 9006, was authorized in 2002 Farm Bill (Title IX, Section 9006).
- ❑ 2008 Farm Bill 9006 was reauthorized under Section 9007 and titled: **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)**
- ❑ 2008 Farm Bill also created new energy programs
 - ❑ Biorefinery Assistance (9003)
 - ❑ Repowering Assistance (9004)
 - ❑ Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels (9005)
- ❑ 2014 Farm Bill reauthorized the energy programs
- ❑ 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized 3 of the 4, letting the Repowering Assistance program expire.

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Funding in TN



***2023 Funds are available**

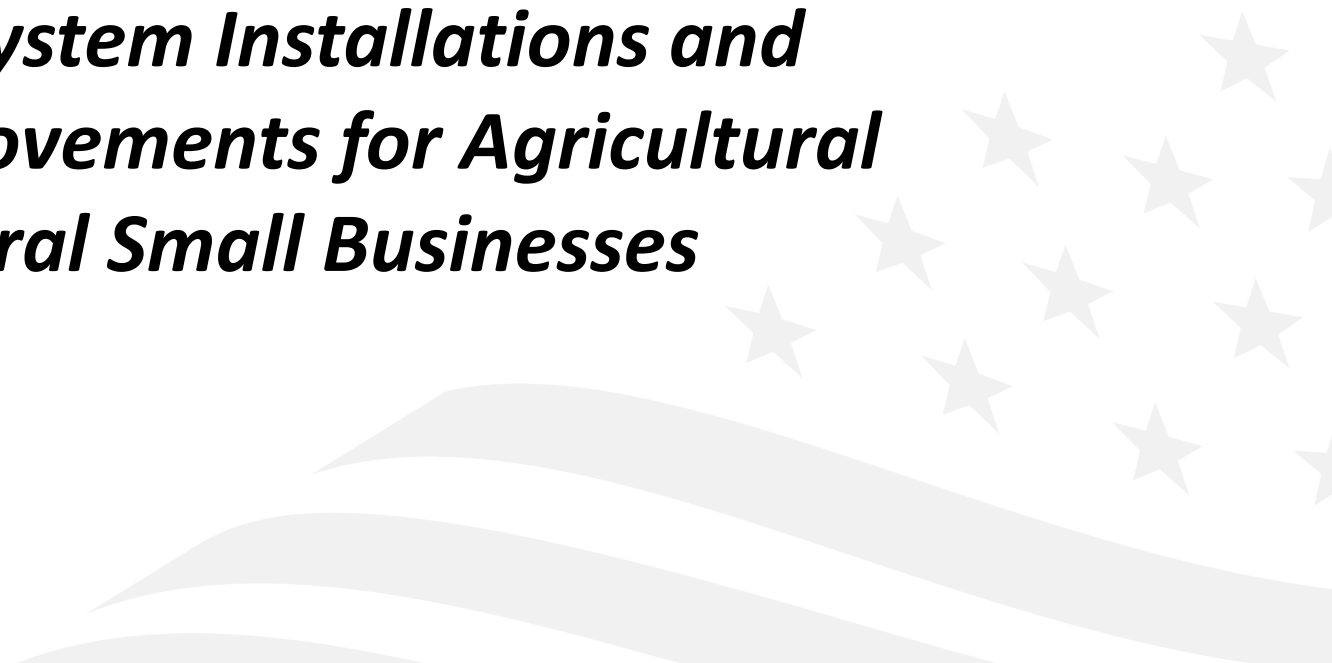
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) *Projects in TN*



Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Program Purpose

***Rural Energy for American Program (REAP) provides
Grants and Guaranteed Loan funding for
Renewable Energy System Installations and
Energy Efficiency Improvements for Agricultural
Producers and Rural Small Businesses***

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Eligibility – Applicants

Agricultural Producer



- **Individual or entity that receives 51 percent or more of their gross income from agricultural production** – crops, livestock, aquaculture, forestry operations, nurseries, dairies

Rural Small Business




- **For-profit small business** - as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA)
- **Rural area or non-metro community of $\leq 50,000$**

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Grant Funding*

Application Deadline March 31st

 Renewable Energy Systems		 Energy Efficiency Improvements	
Minimum Grant Request	\$2,500 Total eligible project costs \geq \$6,250	Minimum Grant Request	\$1,500 Total eligible project costs \geq \$3,750
Maximum Grant Request	\$1,000,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$2.5 million	Maximum Grant Request	\$500,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$1.25 million

*Up to 40% of Total Eligible Project Costs

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Guaranteed Loan Funding*

Guaranteed Loan Applications Accepted Year-round















Minimum Loan Amount	\$5,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$6,667
Maximum Loan Amount	\$25 million Total eligible project costs \geq \$33.4 million
Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USDA guarantees a commercial loan; applicant must have a willing lender.• Terms are negotiated between the lender and borrower.• Fees, appraisals, equity & collateral requirements apply.

*Up to 75% of Total Eligible Project Costs

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Eligible Technologies

Commercially Available Technologies

Energy Efficiency		Renewable Energy	
	Lighting		Solar
	Heating		Wind
	Cooling		Small Hydroelectric
	Ventilation		Anaerobic Digesters
	Fans		Biomass
	Automated Controls		Geothermal
	Insulation		Wave/Ocean Power

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Project Costs

✓ Eligible Project Costs

- **Equipment:**
 - Purchase & installation
 - New or refurbished
- **Post-application construction & facility improvements**
- **Retrofitting**
- **Professional service fees**
- **Permits & license fees**
- **Working capital, land acquisition (Guarantee loan ONLY with restrictions)**

⊘ Ineligible Project Costs

- **Residential energy projects**
- **Equipment:**
 - Farm tillage equipment (no mobile equipment)
 - Used equipment
 - Vehicles
- **Pre-application construction & facility improvements**
- **Application preparation or grant writer fees**
- **Line of credit**
- **Lease payments**
- **Payment to the applicant/business owner, beneficiary, or relative**

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Renewable Energy Systems (RES)



Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Renewable Energy System: Solar Array



Veterinary Hospital

Rooftop solar panels



- \$148,050 Total Cost
- \$ 20,000 REAP Grant
- \$128,050 Applicant Funds

30-40% reduction in operating expenses

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Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Renewable Energy System: Solar Array



Electric Cooperative

Community Solar Project



- \$784,792 Total Cost
- \$ 20,000 REAP Grant
- \$764,791 Applicant Funds
- Production of 443 mWh annually

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Renewable Energy System: Anaerobic Digester



Small Energy Company & Dairy Farmers

1 MW Anaerobic digester



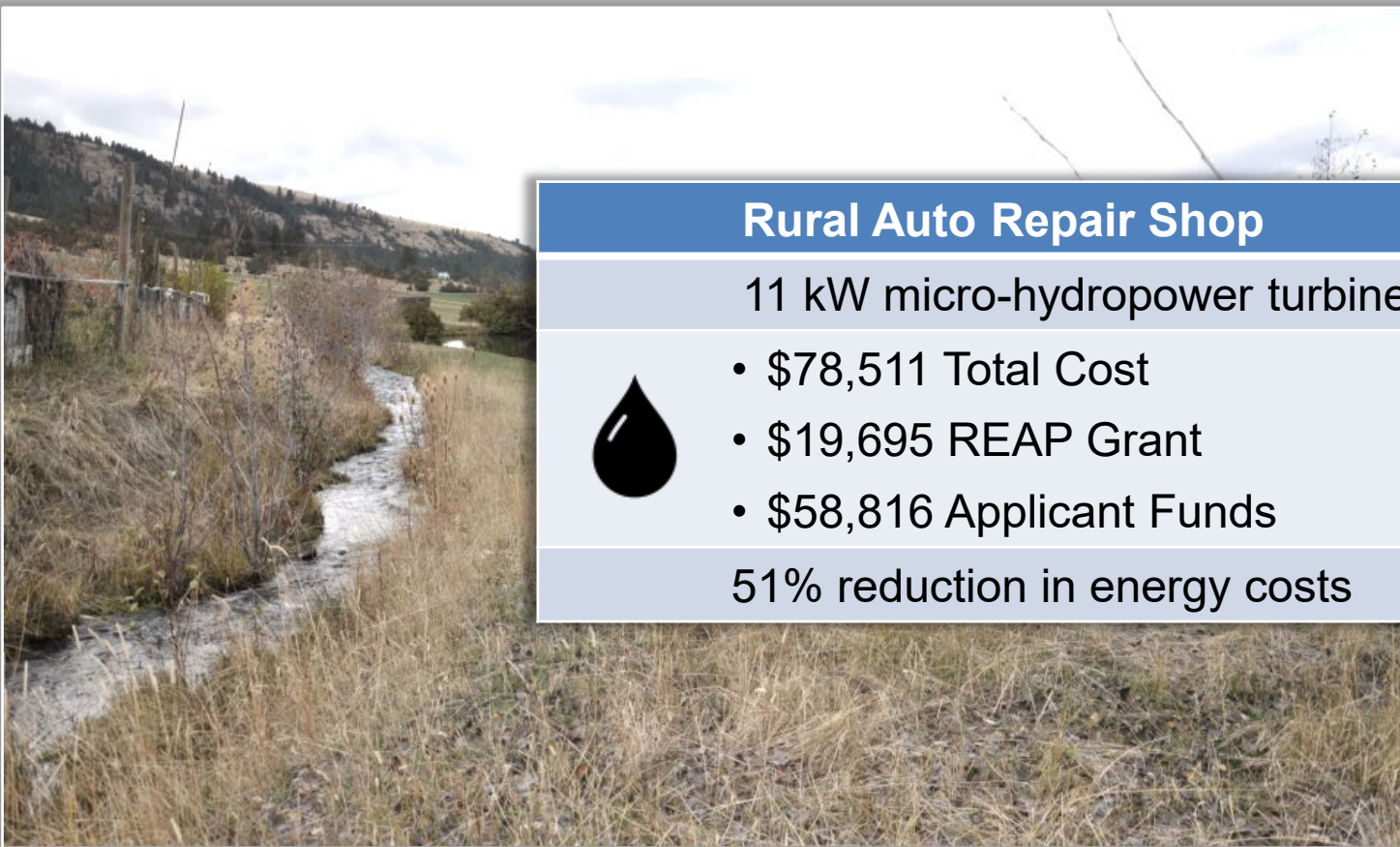
- \$4.15 Million Total Cost
- \$100,000 REAP Grant
- \$2.65 Million REAP Guarantee

Powers an equivalent of 700 homes/year

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Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Renewable Energy System: Hydropower



Rural Auto Repair Shop

11 kW micro-hydropower turbine



- \$78,511 Total Cost
- \$19,695 REAP Grant
- \$58,816 Applicant Funds

51% reduction in energy costs



Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Geothermal & Energy Efficiency Improvements



Grocery Store



Geothermal heat, energy efficient coolers & lighting



- \$198,600 Total Cost
- \$ 49,650 REAP Grant
- \$148,950 Commercial Loan



40% reduction in energy costs

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Renewable Energy System: Solar Array



Michigan Winery

- \$104,088 REAP grant



- 148 kW Solar
- Estimated replacement of 40% energy usage
- Will generate estimated 172,351 kWh of electricity per year, or enough electricity to power 15 homes

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Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Renewable Energy System: Solar Array

On Farm Solar

- \$19,984 REAP grant
- 28.5 kW Solar
- \$79,936 Total Project Cost
- Estimated payback of 9 years



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Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Renewable Energy System: Solar Array

On Farm Solar

- \$47,762 REAP grant
- 54 kW Solar
- \$191,048 Total Project Cost
- Estimated replacement of 65% of the farm's energy usage



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Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI)

Energy Efficiency Improvement: Maple Syrup Operation

Maple Ledge Farm

New energy efficient reverse osmosis equipment

- \$43,500 Total Cost
- \$10,875 REAP Grant
- \$32,625 Applicant Funds

50% reduction in energy costs

Enough savings to power 4 homes for a year



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Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI)

Energy Efficiency Improvement: Maple Syrup Operation



Sweet Bear Farm

Installing a steam-away to reduce their energy load and increase production

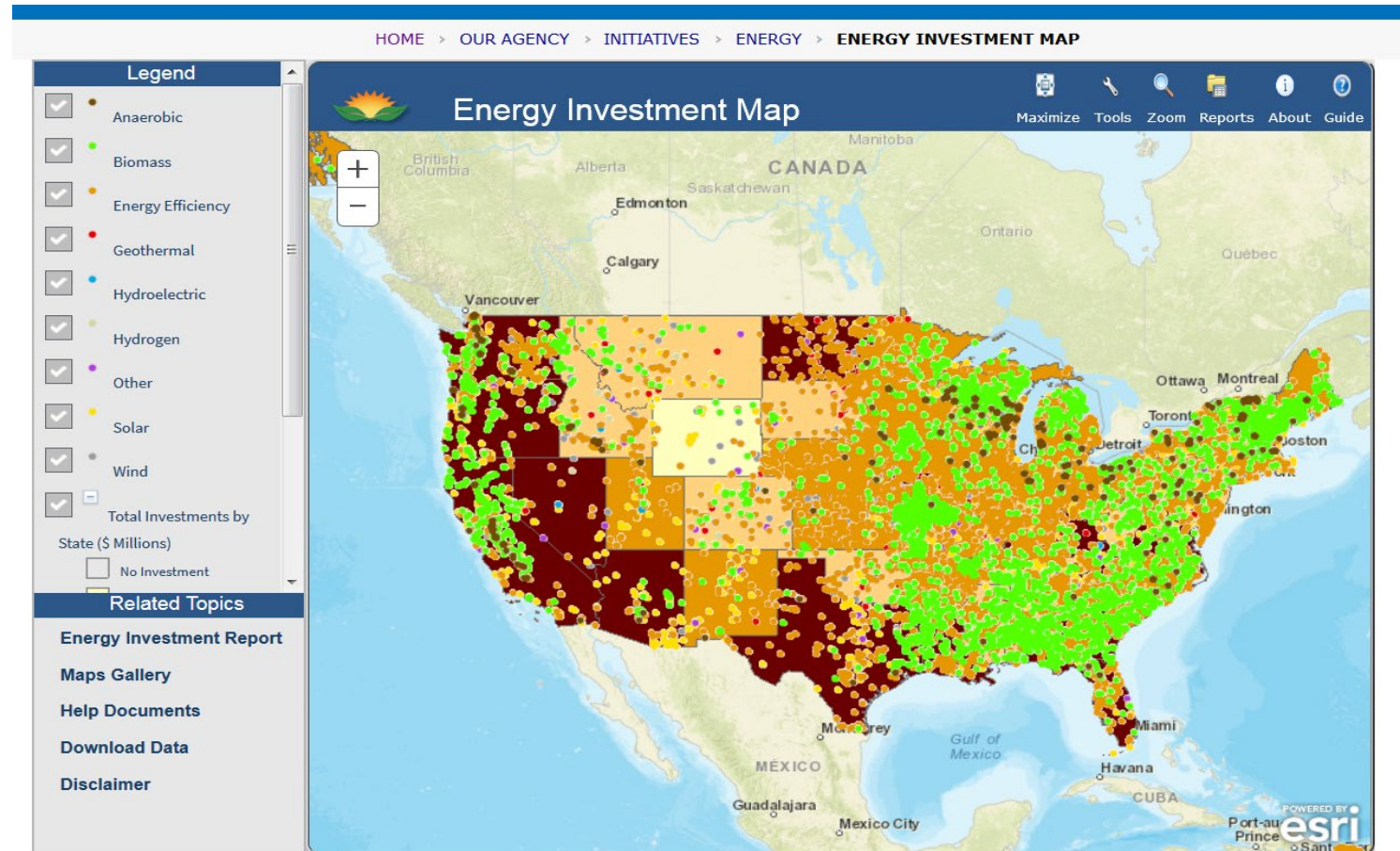
- \$14,096 Total Cost
- \$ 3,185 REAP Grant
- \$10,911 Applicant Funds

40% reduction in energy costs

USDA Energy Investment Map

<https://www.usda.gov/energy/maps/maps/Investment.htm>

- Provides information on USDA programs that support renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.
- The map displays investment location, type of energy, assistance provided and the associated USDA program.
- The energy investment data is summarized by state, county and congressional districts by total number of investments and total dollar amounts.



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*Application Priority Deadlines**

October 31st	➤ Set Aside Fund Competition-Grant Request \$20,000 or less
January 31st	➤ EA/REDA Grant applications
March 31st	➤ Set Aside Fund Competition-Grant Request \$20,000 or less ➤ Unrestricted Grant Request > \$20,000
Continuous Application Cycle	➤ Guaranteed Loans

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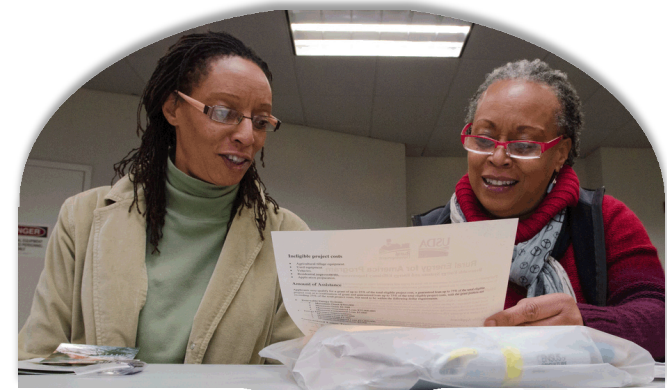
How to Apply?

- Contact the USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator in your state for application materials and resources:

https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RBS_StateEnergyCoordinators.pdf

- Submit applications any time of year.
- Applications compete for funding based on score throughout the year.
- Rural Locator Tool – Location Eligibility

<https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do?pageAction=RBSmenu>

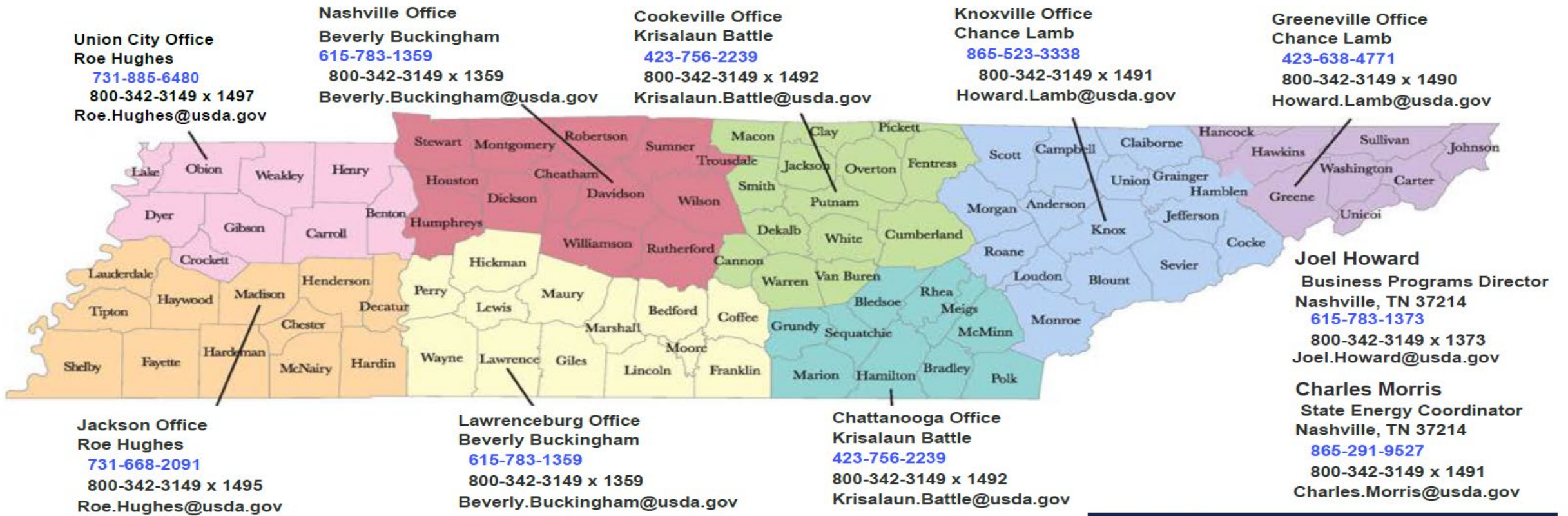


Application Information

Instructions and Forms for applying can be found at the link below:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency/tn>

Contact Info for TN Staff



QUESTIONS??



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