

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Quick Guide



ENERGY PROGRAM

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) offers grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to help lower energy costs by covering up to 25% of the costs for efficiency projects. Learn how you can qualify and benefit from the program with our Quick Guide, which answers our most frequently asked questions.



Frequently Asked Questions

- What is REAP and How Do I Qualify?
- What Equipment is Covered?
- How is Efficiency Measured?
- What are the Compliance Requirements?
- Can I Use REAP to Fund a Project Already in Progress or Recently Completed?

What is REAP and How Do I Qualify?

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses lower their energy costs by providing grants that cover up to 25% of the costs for efficiency projects. If you want to upgrade outdated equipment and save on bills, REAP supports various upgrades that save kilowatt-hours (kWh).

Additionally, REAP also supports projects that quantify savings on natural gas (mcf), liquid propane (gal), and diesel (gal). To qualify, your new equipment must be more efficient than your current setup.

What Equipment is Covered?

*This list is non-exhaustive and represents only a portion of projects covered.

LED LIGHTING

INSULATION

HVAC SYSTEMS

SPRINKLER PUMPS

GRAIN DRYERS

**DOORS &
WINDOWS**

**ELECTRIC
IRRIGATION MOTORS**

**COOLING OR
REFRIGERATION UNITS**

How is Efficiency Measured?

Efficiency isn't just about using less energy; it's about getting more output for the energy you use. For example, if a new system uses more kWh but processes more output per kWh, it is considered more efficient. This principle applies across all types of equipment.

2025-2027 REAP Updates

New Changes

Beginning in 2025, there will be only three application windows each year. To maximize your chances of receiving funding, it's essential to prepare in advance. Here are the key deadlines for each fiscal year:

2026

December 31, 2025

March 31, 2026

2027

September 30, 2026

December 31, 2026

March 31, 2027

Renewable energy projects, such as solar, will no longer be considered for REAP funding. REAP funding through the Farm Bill remains available for qualifying efficiency upgrades.





What are the Compliance Requirements?

To comply with USDA regulations, the new equipment must fully replace the old equipment. Here are some key points to remember:

- **1-for-1 Replacement:** The new equipment should directly replace the existing equipment.
- **Relocation of Old Equipment:** If you wish to relocate the old equipment to a different meter or building for continued use, that's generally acceptable. However, ensure that this does not conflict with REAP guidelines or USDA regulations.

Can I Use REAP to Fund a Project Already in Progress or Recently Completed?

No, REAP does not cover any projects that are in progress or already completed. The program is designed to fund new projects that have not yet started, ensuring that the funding is used to support planned upgrades and improvements. If you have a project already in progress or recently completed, it will not qualify for REAP funding.

For the best chance of securing REAP support, make sure to apply before beginning your project and ensure it meets all program requirements. The OFBF Energy Program can be your trusted partner in this process, thoroughly assessing your eligibility and guiding you through every step of the application to maximize your chances of receiving funding.

Key Takeaway

The primary goal of REAP is to help customers improve energy efficiency by replacing equipment with newer, more efficient models. Not only does this reduce your energy consumption, but it also helps in cutting down operational costs and contributes to a more sustainable environment. By adhering to these guidelines, you can maximize your benefits from REAP (if eligible) and ensure compliance with all necessary regulations.

For more information on REAP, and other project funding opportunities fill out the request form on the next page, attach a recent copy of your electric and natural gas bills, and email both to ofbfenergy@ceateam.com.

REQUEST FORM

Bill Review & Energy Incentives Report



Name _____

OFBF Member ID _____

Email _____

Daytime Phone _____

Best Time to Contact _____

Company (if applicable) _____



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☐ **ELECTRICITY** ☐ **NATURAL GAS**

Are you interested in lowering your usage and seeing what rebates
and incentives your business or commercial farm may qualify for?

☐ **LED LIGHTING** ☐ **SOLAR** ☐ **OTHER** _____

Savings not guaranteed, Actual savings may vary.

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