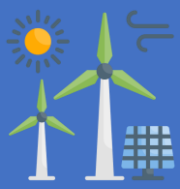





Rural Development Grants

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

- **Grant Funds up to 50% of Total Eligible Project Costs**
- Quarterly Competitions through 9/30/2024.
- **Renewable Energy Systems or Energy Efficiency Improvements**
- Rural Small Businesses or Ag Producers.

 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

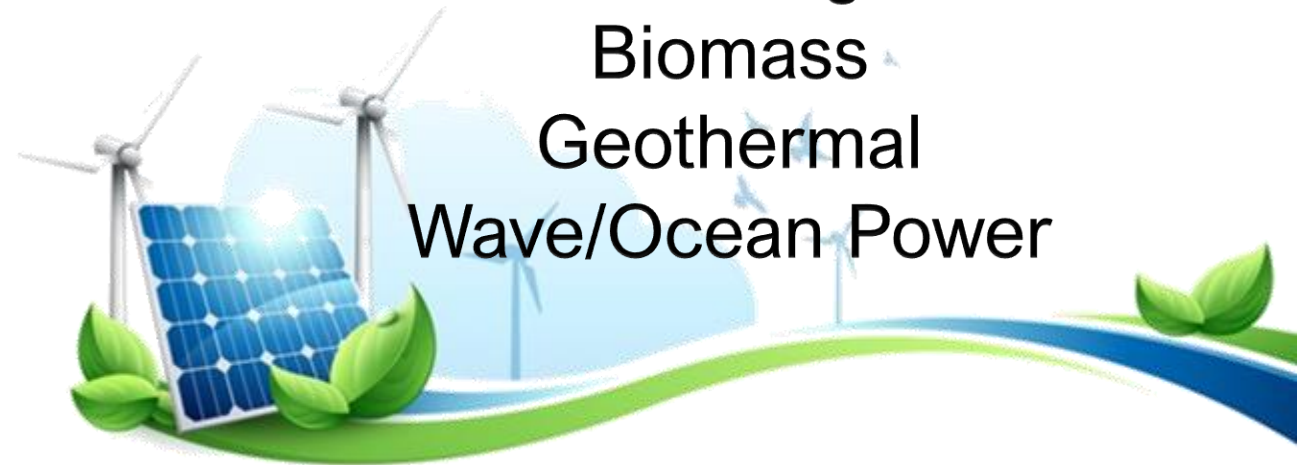
REAP

Energy Efficiency

Lighting
Heating
Cooling
Ventilation
Fans
Automated Controls
Insulation

Renewable Energy

Solar
Wind
Small Hydroelectric
Anaerobic Digesters
Biomass
Geothermal
Wave/Ocean Power



The technology must be commercially available. Research and development projects do not qualify.

REAP



- Commercial Building
- 26.5kW PV Solar Awnings
- 54,003kWh Annual Production

- 100% Offset of historical
- \$7,744 annual savings

REAP Projects

- 25kW Hydro Turbine
- Existing irrigation ditch
- 43,000kW production during irrigation season
- Savings of \$6,000/annually
- Offset 100% of historical
- Collaboration with Colorado Department of Agriculture



Program information

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Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)

- **Currently accepting applications**

- 4/11/2024 deadline if using grants.gov
- 4/16/2024 deadline paper/emailed

- **Funding available for either**

- Planning Grants \$75,000 max
 - *Feasibility Study/Business Plans*
- Working Capital \$250,000 max
 - *Processing costs.*
 - *Marketing and advertising expenses.*
 - *Some inventory and salary expenses.*

- **Eligible Applicants**

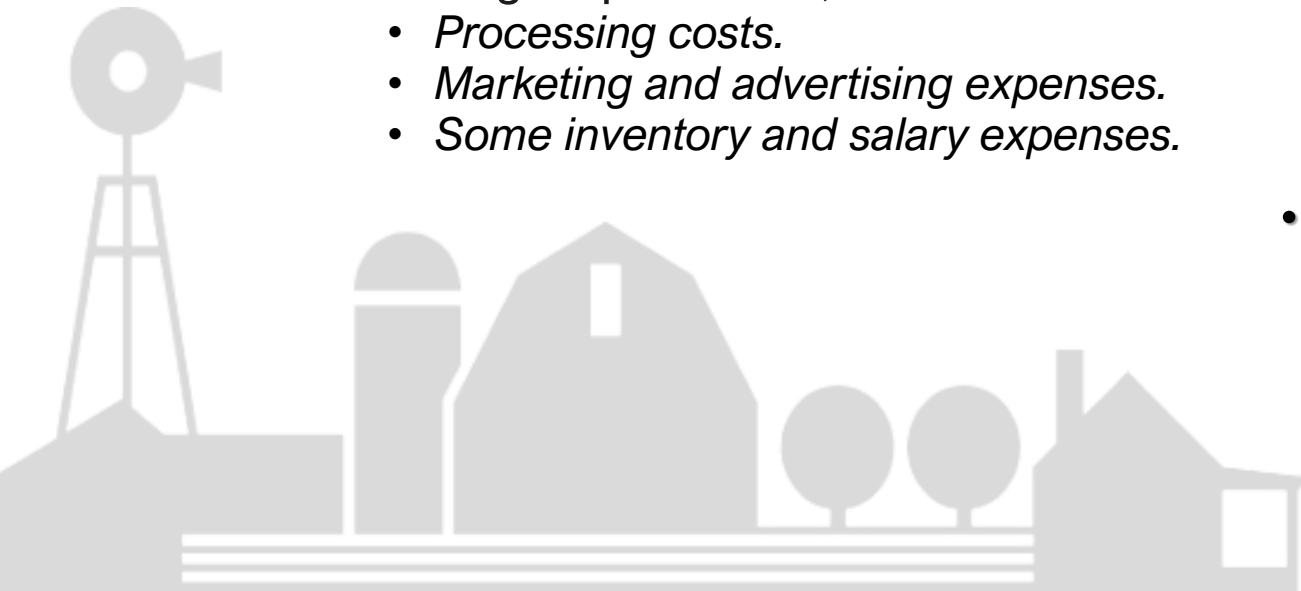
- Independent producers
- agricultural producer groups
- farmer- or rancher-cooperatives
- majority-controlled producer

- **Matching Requirement:**

- 1-to-1 match (50% of total project costs)
cash or eligible in-kind contributions to be used only for eligible project purposes

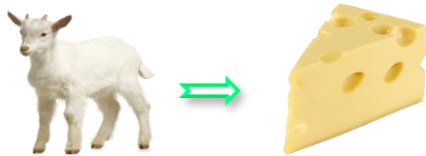
- **Grant Period:**

- Up to 36 months

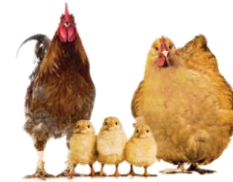


Five Value-Added Methodologies

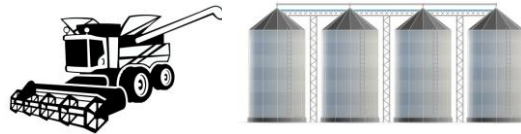
- Change in physical state



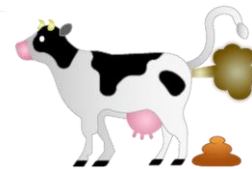
- Enhances the value of the agricultural commodity



- Physical segregation



- Farm- or ranch-based renewable energy



- Locally-produced agricultural food product



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