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THE USDA REAP GRANT FOR COMMERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL SOLAR SYSTEMS



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An aerial photograph showing a large-scale solar farm. The solar panels are arranged in long, parallel rows, creating a grid-like pattern. Between the rows of solar panels, there are lush green grassy areas where several sheep are grazing. The sheep are of various colors, including white, black, and grey. The overall scene illustrates the concept of agrivoltaics, where agriculture and solar energy production coexist.

**The USDA REAP Grant
is available for farmers,
ranchers, livestock
growers and small to
medium-sized businesses.**

**The USDA REAP Grant
covers 25 - 50% of your
total solar system cost.**

THE USDA REAP GRANT SUMMARY

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants for the purchase, installation and construction of renewable energy systems or energy efficiency upgrades. REAP creates opportunities for economic development for rural small businesses, farmers and ranchers by supporting renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. REAP grants provide up to 50% of the total system costs, with a maximum grant of \$1,000,000 for renewable energy systems and \$500,000 for energy efficiency systems.

Grant Eligibility

- Grant must go towards the purchase of a renewable energy system or energy efficiency upgrades.
- Projects must have technical merit.
- Project must be located in a designated rural area.
- Applicant must be the owner of the project.
- Sites must be controlled by the applicant.

The USDA provides each region a set amount of grant money to distribute to the applicants within their region. The funding is awarded based upon each grant's score. Grants that are requesting \$20,000 or less receive preference and are awarded first. Grants requesting higher amounts are scored competitively against



each other and the higher the score, the more likely the grant will be awarded. Grant funds are awarded as direct reimbursement once the energy project has been completed and placed in use.

Timeline

Grant applications are due quarterly based on the government's fiscal year:

- December 31st
- March 31st
- June 30th
- September 30th

Grant Process

Applying for the USDA REAP grant requires a substantial amount of behind the scenes legwork and documentation. Envirosol partners with a professional grant writer to ensure that this is a smooth process.

The following items are required for a grant application:

- EIN#
- Applicant's contact information
- Organization's Financials
- Matching funds commitment (letter from bank, loan or investor)
- Sam.gov registration



Frequently Asked Questions

What are my chances of getting the USDA REAP grant?

The overall, easy answer is: 'the chances are pretty good.' In the last 10 years, the grant writing firm we partner with has seen a success rate of 70+%. The USDA considers numerous factors such as payback time, geographical location, and system size in scoring your project.

What do the time frames look like?

The application process generally takes 6-8 weeks. The USDA notifies applicants of their awards several months after the quarterly filing deadline. Grant funds are awarded as a reimbursement once your system is operational.

Is the grant considered taxable income?

Yes. All awarded grant funds will be taxed at federal and applicable state levels. Envirosol payback simulations take this into account.





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