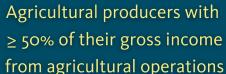# HOW TO APPLY FOR REAP LOANS & GRANTS

What is REAP?

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.

Funds may be used for energy efficiency improvements, such as:

- HVAC
- Lighting
- Cooling or refrigeration units
- Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment
- Installation of energy-efficient equipment & systems for agricultural production or processing

Who can apply?

Agricultural producers with ≥ 50% of their gross income from agricultural operations

Small businesses in eligible rural areas

Must have NO outstanding delinquent federal taxes, debts, judgment or debarment. Check if your business is eligible here.

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Need ideas on how to use funding?

Contact our Energy Advisors for guidance

hawaiienergy.com/for-business/business-solutions

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What funding is available?

- Loan guarantee on loans up to 75% of total eligible project costs
- Energy Efficiency REAP Grants up to 25% total eligible project costs
- Energy Efficiency REAP Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Grants up to 40% total eligible project costs
- Combined grant & loan guarantee funding up to 75% of the total eligible project costs

What are the grant terms?

- Energy Efficiency REAP Grants $1,500-250,000
- Energy Efficiency REAP Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Grants $500,000 maximum

REAP Application Deadlines:

- Restricted REAP Grants (≤ $20,000): 10/31, 3/31
- Unrestricted REAP Grants (> $20,000): 3/31
- REAP Guaranteed Loans: Ongoing
- Combined Grant & Loan: 3/31

Application Process

Before filling out any forms or applications, contact your local Rural Development Energy Coordinator, Denise M. Salmeron, 808-933-8323 or denise.salmeron@usda.gov

1 Register with the federal government's System Award Management (SAM) at sam.gov to obtain a Unique Entity ID
- This steps takes 7-10 business days to process

2 Register an account on Grants.gov/web/grants/register.html

3 Create a Workspace on the "View Grant Opportunity" page. Workspace allows applicants to access and edit the application forms on grants.gov.

4 Click the "Apply Now" link under the Grants Application heading. If you know which grant you're applying for, enter either the Funding Opportunity Number field or the Opportunity Package ID field. If you don't know the number or ID, go to the "Search Grants" tab.