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SUBJECT: DE 10-024, DE 10-212, DE 13-298, DE 15-302, DE 16-614, and DE 17-172:
Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Renewable Energy Fund Program Budget Allocations

Summary

This memorandum confirms Department of Energy (Department) approval for program budget allocations from the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) for fiscal year 2023 (FY23) as set forth in the Funding Allocations by Program (Table 2) on page 2. Further, the Department informs stakeholders of the following actions:

- Those projects currently on wait lists will be funded first and the balance of funds made available for new applications.
- The Department will continue to accept new applications for currently open rebate programs until specific program funding allocations are fully utilized.
- The Department will schedule the re-opening and lottery queue determination process for the Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate Program
- Waitlists will be established for the Residential Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating rebate program up to an amount of \$25,000 when the program receives applications in excess of its funding allocation..
- Waitlists will be established for each Commercial and Industrial rebate program up to an amount of \$50,000 when the program receives applications in excess of its funding allocation.

Funding Analysis

Based on the REF FY23 Statement of Appropriation, \$2,000,000 was made available for allocation to FY23 grant and rebate programs. On September 14, 2022, the Department authorized the allocation of \$2,000,000 to enable Department staff to open the rebate programs to new applications.

This memorandum authorizes the allocation of that \$2,000,000. Table 1 below, presents the statutorily required funding breakdown between sectors.

Table 1: Program Funding Allocations by Sector

\$2,000,000	FY22 Preliminary Rebate and Grant Program Funds
\$900,000	Funds allocated to Residential Sector (45%)
\$1,100,000	Funds allocated to Commercial & Industrial (non-residential) Sector (55%)

Table 2 summarizes the allocation of funding to specific Residential, and Commercial and Industrial programs supported by the REF and meeting the program funding requirements of RSA 362-F, as well as the unspent funds carried forward from the prior program year.

Table 2: Funding Allocations by Program

	Sept 14, 2022 Program Allocations for FY23	Prior Fiscal Year Program Allocations Carry Forward	Total Funding Available
Residential			
Renewable Electric Generation Rebates	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	\$300,000	\$4,028	\$304,028
LMI Grant (min 15%)	\$400,000	\$450,000	\$850,000
<i>sub-total</i>	<i>\$900,000</i>	<i>\$454,028</i>	<i>\$1,354,028</i>
Commercial & Industrial			
Solar Rebates	\$250,000	\$138,234	\$388,234
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	\$100,000	\$193,377	\$293,377
Competitive Grants	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
<i>sub-total</i>	<i>\$1,100,000</i>	<i>\$331,611</i>	<i>\$1,431,611</i>
Total Residential and C&I	\$2,000,000	\$785,639	\$2,785,639

Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate Program Opening and Lottery Process

The Department approves a lottery queue position determination process to be implemented in the Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate Program in expectation that the aggregate amount of project rebates applied for will exceed available Program funds. The Department will accept applications for the Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate Program between the following dates: **OCTOBER 1, 2022 through OCTOBER 31, 2022**. Applications submitted during the above time-period will be entered into an automated lottery to be scheduled in November 2022. This lottery will randomly assign queue positions which will be funded until available funding is exceeded. Applicants will be notified regarding their queue position and funding status following the lottery completion.

Any applications that are submitted before or after the Oct 1-Oct 31 timeframe will not be considered.

There are **new** fillable forms for this program located on the Department [Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate Program website](#). Please prepare and submit a fillable form starting October 1, 2022. The Department strongly encourages all applicants for new projects to use the updated applications form available on the Department’s website and to file completed applications electronically.