

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Renewable Energy Fund LMI Solar Program
For Discussion Purposes Only

Public Stakeholder Session
Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Program and Session Overview
 - I. Program history ie. utilization of RFP since inception
 - i. Discussion of permanently utilizing competitive grant process for program
 - II. Discussion of potential program changes for FY23
 - III. Discussion of potential program changes for future fiscal years
3. Continuation of RFP approach
 - I. For FY 2023
 - II. And for future years with annual stakeholder opportunity for input
4. Discussion based on stakeholder feedback gathered during LMI Adder legislative report development
 - I. Existing RFP approach improvements
 - i. Increase grant approval period to 2 years
 - ii. Release RFP consistently within same timeframe (pending Department Commissioner approval)
 - iii. Provide larger grant funding
 - iv. Consideration of project timelines relating to grant program - delays encountered/barriers, feasibility of completion within contract period, project development timeline and potential solutions (see III.)
 1. Input on timing/effort regarding early project development work (site availability/selection, securing leveraged financing)
 - v. Increase RFP open period
 - vi. Opportunities to make RFP submission less complex
 1. More guidance on financial calculations?
 2. Opportunity to streamline RFP requirements?
 - vii. Project eligibility adjustments
 1. How affordable housing projects can adapt for eligibility under current statute
 2. Current eligibility aligns with LMI Adder eligibility, changes warranted?

II. New ideas/topics

- i. Seed/Planning grants funding – resource scarcity
- ii. Allowance of REF funding for SB270 projects
- iii. Can other technologies such as biomass participate
- iv. Any other suggestions or comments regarding program improvement

5. Next Steps and written comment period