

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – SET 3 – POSTED JULY 12, 2022

NOFA #2022-001

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT (SEED) GRANT PROGRAM

	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>Q: Our school is located in a municipality with a population greater than 10,000, but our students come from towns each with populations less than 10,000. Is our school eligible to apply to the SEED Grant Program?</p>	<p>A: No, eligibility for the SEED Grant Program is outlined in the NOFA on page 3 under Subsection B.</p> <p>Per Item #1., applicants must be “public school(s) and/or chartered public schools(s) in a New Hampshire municipality with a total population of 10,000 or fewer residents based on 2020 Census Totals for NH Cities and Towns or authorized entity applying on behalf of an educational institution that is publicly funded.”</p>
2.	<p>Q: Are past SEED Grant Program awardees eligible to reapply?</p>	<p>A: Yes, previous SEED Grant Program awardees and applicants are eligible to reapply.</p> <p>Per the NOFA’s Executive Summary on Page 1, “previous SEED Grant Program applicants and awardees are eligible to reapply for this funding.”</p>
3.	<p>Referencing the NOFA page 7, item B, “Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility: The public school(s) or chartered public school(s) subject to a SEED Grant Program application has 20% or more of their total 2021-2022 enrollment eligible for free/reduced school lunch based on the New Hampshire Department of Education’s Free/Reduced School Lunch Eligibility for 2021-2022. (Maximum Point Score: 10)”</p> <p>Q: Our school is in a pre-operational phase and will be opening for our first school year in September. Could we use an average of our school district’s numbers for this scoring criteria?</p>	<p>A: No, schools that are not fully operational may not use an average of their local school district’s free and reduced lunch numbers.</p>
4.	<p>Referencing the NOFA Page 2, Item 3. “The application package consists of the NHDOE application and required attachments in a PDF format... Most recent financial audit.”</p> <p>Q: Would a comprehensive financial report from our accountant including a profit &</p>	<p>A: No, an applicant’s accountant’s financial report may not be substituted for an independent financial audit.</p>

	loss statement and balance sheet be acceptable instead of an audit?	
5.	Q: Will there be one award of \$150,000 to one school district, or will there be one \$150,000 grant awarded to each school district that is selected (multiple \$150,000 allocations)?	A: No more than \$150,000 has been allocated for this grant round. However, NHDOE reserves the right to consider awarding any unused award amount to the next highest scoring application(s). Please review the NOFA, page 9 under GENERAL CONDITONS, items 14 and 15.
6.	Q: Can utility incentives be used to satisfy the SEED Grant Program's 10% match requirement?	A: No, although utility incentives may be used to fund a project, they cannot be used to satisfy the SEED Grant Program's 10% match requirement. Please review the NOFA on page 4, section B, item #4 for further information on the 10% match requirement. See also 2 CFR §200.406.
7.	Q: Should the authorized signatory on page 2 of the application be the SAU Business Manager or the Chairperson of the School Board?	A: The applicant must determine who is authorized to request funding and to make binding representations on behalf of the educational institution seeking funding pursuant to this NOFA.
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