

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMMISSIONER
Jared S. Chicoine

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
Christopher J. Ellms, Jr.



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

TDD Access: Relay NH
1-800-735-2964

Tel. (603) 271-3670

FAX No. 271-1526

Website:
www.energy.nh.gov

DATE: May 18, 2022

FROM: Jared S. Chicoine, Commissioner
Joshua W. Elliott, Director, Division of Policy and Programs
Deandra M. Perruccio, Administrator, Sustainable

SUBJECT: DE 10-024, DE 10-212, DE 13-298, DE 15-302, DE 16-614, and DE 17-172:
Approval of Additional Fiscal Year 2022 Renewable Energy Fund Program Budget
Allocations

Summary

This memorandum confirms Department of Energy (Department) approval for additional program budget allocations from the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) for fiscal year 2022 (FY22) as set forth in the Funding Allocations by Program (Table 2) on page 2. Further, the Department informs stakeholders of the following actions:

- The Department issued a Letter Order Modifying Program Application Processes on May 16, 2022. The letter order and staff recommendation regarding these changes are available at [Renewable Energy Rebates | NH Department of Energy](#). Applicants should use the updated application forms available on program webpages that incorporate program application process changes approved in the order.
- 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 rebate programs until specific program funding allocations are fully utilized.
- Waitlists will be established for each Residential 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.
- No additional Requests for Proposals will be issued by the Department for renewable energy generation projects in the Non-Residential Sector (C&I Competitive Grant program) or for the Low and Moderate Income Community Solar Grant (LMI Grant program) programs, although additional funds will be made available for the LMI Grant Program to comply with RSA 362-F:10 X with total grant funding available noted in Table 2.

Funding Analysis

Based on the REF FY22 Statement of Appropriation, \$2,000,000 was made available for allocation to FY22 grant and rebate programs. On September 3, 2021, the Department authorized the allocation of

\$1,000,000 to enable Department staff to open the rebate programs to new applications; with a second allocation of \$1,000,000 made on October 29, 2021.

The Department requested, and recently received approval from the Bureau of Accounting (BOA) to budget and expend an additional \$1,000,000 from the REF to reopen rebate programs to new applications.

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

Table 1: Program Funding Allocations by Sector

\$3,000,000	FY22 Preliminary Rebate and Grant Program Funds
\$1,350,000	Funds allocated to Residential Sector (45%)
\$1,650,000	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.

Table 2: Funding Allocations by Program

	Sept. 3, 2021 Program Allocations for FY22	Oct. 29, 2021 Program Allocations for FY22	May 16, 2022 Program Allocations for FY22	Total Program Allocations for FY22
Residential				
Solar PV Rebates	\$165,000	\$220,000	\$175,000	\$560,000
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	\$135,000	\$ 30,000	\$175,000	\$340,000
LMI Grant (min 15%)	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$450,000
<i>sub-total</i>	<i>\$450,000</i>	<i>\$450,000</i>	<i>\$450,000</i>	<i>\$1,350,000</i>
Commercial & Industrial				
Solar Rebates	\$200,000	\$ 80,000	\$275,000	\$555,000
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	\$50,000	\$ 20,000	\$275,000	\$345,000
Competitive Grants	\$300,000	\$450,000	\$0	\$750,000
<i>sub-total</i>	<i>\$550,000</i>	<i>\$550,000</i>	<i>\$550,000</i>	<i>\$1,650,000</i>
Total Residential and C&I	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000

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.