

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #2

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RFP #2022-006

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Grants for Community Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Projects Providing Direct Benefits to Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Residential Electric Customers

	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>What would be the percentage allocation of benefits to the host and LIM members if direct monetary payment from the utility is chosen over on-bill credit? In other words, how much of the direct monetary payment should be allocated to the host and LMI members?</p>	<p>Regarding direct monetary payment allocation to LMI project participants, RFP 2022-006 does not set a minimum requirement of allocation to LMI participants with the exception that projects requesting full funding through this RFP must demonstrate that a minimum of 75% of the project's net revenues from electric generation will directly benefit LMI participants (see RFP Section C, Basic Project Eligibility Requirements, 11).</p> <p>Project proposals are scored (maximum point score of 50 points) based on the net direct annual benefits to be provided to participating LMI residential electric customers. Please see RFP section III, page 12 which outlines detailed scoring criteria including scoring related to direct benefits to LMI participants.</p> <p>To the extent this inquiry relates to eligibility for additional compensation under RSA 362-F:9, XIV, c(1) (LMI Adder) as a Low Income Community Solar Project as defined by RSA 362-F2, X-a, eligibility criteria for the LMI Adder is not applicable to RFP 2022-006. RFP 2022-006 does ask proposers to indicate if they intend to qualify for the LMI Adder (see RFP Section D, Project Model, 4 iii), but does not include requirement or scoring criteria related to eligibility for the LMI Adder.</p>

2.	Is the direct monetary payment in lieu of on credits applicable to this DOE grant program?	RFP 2022-006 does not require projects to elect to receive on-bill credits, but does ask proposers to describe any on-bill-credit arrangements required, if applicable (see RFP Section D, Project Model, 4 ii).
3.	Is the assumption right that the no less than 12 percent allocation is based on the 85% solar generation to the qualified LMI members?	RFP 2022-006 does not set a minimum requirement of allocation to LMI participants except for projects requesting full funding through this RFP must demonstrate that a minimum of 75% of the project’s net revenues from electric generation will directly benefit LMI participants (see RFP Section C, Basic Project Eligibility Requirements, 11).
4.	Assuming a developer chooses to allocate just the minimum 12 percent on-bill credits to income qualified LMI members, is the share of each member determined based on the 12 percent set aside for LMI members and the host?	There is no on-bill credit requirement for RFP 2022-006. If a group does elect on-bill crediting, there are requirements outlined in Puc900 regarding group credit allocations which differ for groups registering for on-bill crediting without LMI members and groups pursuing registration as an LMI Community Solar Project which is eligible to receive the LMI Adder, however Proposers for this RFP are not required to elect on-bill crediting or be eligible for the LMI Adder to be eligible for this funding. Projects which submit proposals in response to RFP 2022-006 must provide a narrative description comprehensively addressing the net benefits that will be provided directly to participating LMI customers (see RFP Section D, Project Model, 1, LMI Participant Benefits).