



Rural Energy for America Program

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Grants and loans are available for installing renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements.



Who is Eligible?

Agricultural Producers

A person, including non-profits, directly engaged in the production of agricultural products through labor management and operations, including the cultivating, growing, and harvesting of plants and crops (including farming); breeding, raising, feeding, or housing of livestock (including ranching); forestry products; hydroponics; nursery stock; or aquaculture, *whereby 50% or greater of their gross income is derived from the operations.*



Rural Small Businesses

A small business that is located in a rural area or that can demonstrate the proposed project for which assistance is being applied for is located in a rural area.

- Eligible Rural Area: Any area of a State **not** in a city or town that has a population of more than 50,000.
- Meets size standards as defined by Small Business Administration



How may the funds be used?

Energy Efficiency Improvements (EEI)

Projects that will allow less energy to be used on an annual basis than the original building and/or equipment being improved or replaced.



Energy Efficiency Eligible Projects



Lighting



Heating



Cooling



Ventilation



Fans



Automated Controls



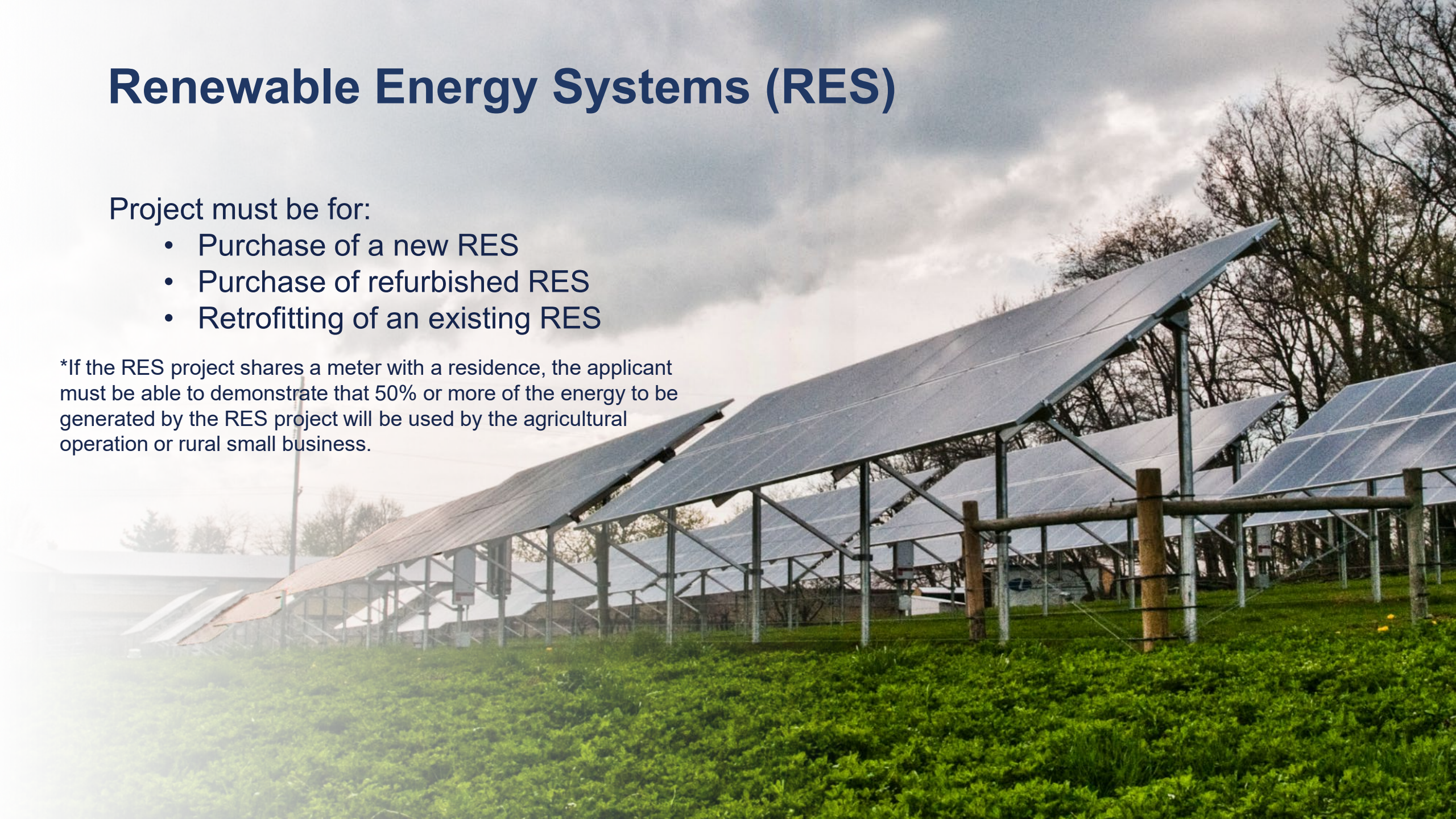
Insulation

Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Project must be for:

- Purchase of a new RES
- Purchase of refurbished RES
- Retrofitting of an existing RES

*If the RES project shares a meter with a residence, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that 50% or more of the energy to be generated by the RES project will be used by the agricultural operation or rural small business.





Renewable Energy Eligible Projects



Solar



Wind



Small Hydroelectric



Anaerobic Digesters



Biomass



Geothermal



Wave/Ocean Power

Program Details

Loan Amounts

Guaranteed Loan Funds Only

- Minimum Loan Request: \$5,000
- Maximum Loan Request: \$25 million
- Not to exceed 75% of eligible project costs

Loan/Grant Combo

- Combined grant/loan shall not exceed 75% of eligible project costs





Grant Amounts

- Grant amounts will not exceed 50% of total eligible project costs
- EEI Grant Requests
 - Minimum: \$1,500
 - Maximum: \$500,000
- RES Grant Requests:
 - Minimum: \$2,500
 - Maximum: \$1,000,000

Illinois REAP Projects

EEL Lighting Project:
Schimmer Ford Lincoln, Inc.
Peru, IL



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RES Solar Project:
Triple H, Inc. dba
All American Wash
Fairbury, IL



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EEI Pond Aeration System:
Big House Investments, LLC
Carbondale, IL



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RES Solar Project:
Tompkins State Bank
Galesburg, IL



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EEI Grain Dryer Project:
Bongard Grain, LLC
Longview, IL



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RES Solar Project:
Wehmeyer Seed Company
Mascoutah, IL



Questions?

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