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Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant/Combo Evaluation Criteria Scoring Guide

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Name of Applicant:						
Name of Reviewer:						
Type of Technology:						
Grant Request: \$						
Loan Request: \$						
Total Project Cost: \$		Eligible Project Cost: \$				
	Base Priority Score	Administrative Points	Total Grant/ComboScore			
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RES Generation						
RES Direct Use/Replacement						
Energy Efficiency Improvements (EEI)						
following categories, the indivi	dual scores are autor mbination grant/loan	boxes or insert the maximum poi matically summed and placed in th applications are scored as grants	ne "Total Score" columns a	above. Provide		
A maximum of 10 points car	be awarded for crite	erion 1.				
considered for up to a maximum Nitrous Oxide (N2O), and Fluorin	of 10. Greenhouse ga ated Gases. Projects	, at the project level, will be awarded uses are defined as: Carbon Dioxide can also be awarded one point for e tal benefits section of RD Form 4280	(CO2), Methane (CH4), ach environmental benefit	Points		
		gases at the project level, Award	5 points.			
(i) If the proposed project does I						
(ii) If the project does not contril (iii) If the project improves water		or addresses fire hazards on forest	lands, Award 1 point			
(iv) If the project complies with E						
(v) If at least 25% of project com	oonents are biobased	, Award 1 point				
Provide comment on specific me	asures applicable to p	roject				
(2) Quantity of Enormy Go	norated Poplace	d, Saved or Percent Efficienc				
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		ion 2. Complete sub-criteria i and erated or Saved per REAP RES/EE		10 points max.)		
replacing energy usage with a rener	wable source, or the actu red; <u>Po ints will not be av</u>	the amount of energy generated per gra ial annual average energy savings over warded for more than one category.				
(A) Renewable Energy System						
Projected Annual Energy		EG/Grant Dollar:				
Generated (EG) in BTU's:		(Auto-Calculates)				
(1) # 50 000 5		Auto 0-1-11-1 /EO // / E	0.000 x 10 point-	Points		
(<u>1</u>) Less than 50,000 E (<u>2</u>) Greater than 50,000		Auto Calculates (EG/\$) / 5 10 points Auto Calculates: (EG/\$)>		0.00		
Provide additional documentation (if applicable) to substantiate the score for this category below.						

OR						
(B) Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI) Projected Average Annual ES/Grapt Dollar:						
Energy Saved (ES) in BTU's		ES/Grant Dollar: (Auto-Calculates)				
(1) Less than 50,000 BT (2) Greater than 50,000 B		Auto Calculates: (ES/\$) 0 points Auto Calculates: (ES/\$)		Points		
Provide additional documentation	n (if applicable) to subs	stantiate the score for this category b	pelow.			
Sub	-Criteria ii: Quantity	of Energy Replaced, Generated, or	r Saved. (15 points max)			
Points may only be awarded for ene	ergy replacement, energy	y generation, or energy savings. <u>Point</u>	s will not be awarded for more	than one category.		
(A) Energy replacement						
documentation must be provided new construction the project may approximately the same size (+/- Determine energy replacement b	regarding historical er classify as energy rep 10%). y dividing the estimate	st provide at least 12 months of histo nergy expense incurred by the applic placement only if the applicant can d ed quantity of renewable energy to be <u>period</u> during the previous year by th	ant entity. If not provided, sc ocument previous energy us e generated over a 12-month	ore as generation. For e from a facility of period by the estimated		
Projected Annual Energy		Percent Energy				
Generated (EG) in BTU's: Historical Annual Energy		Replacement	0			
Consumption (EC) in BTU's:		(Auto-Calculates)				
If the proposed renewable energy energy replacement of:	y system is intended p	rimarily for self use by the agricultura	al producer or rural small bus	siness, and will provide		
(1) Greater than 0 but equal to or	less than 25%, award	15 points.		Points		
(2) Greater than 25%, but equal t		ward 10 points.				
(3) Greater than 50%, award 15 p				0		
(4) Greater than 150%, Scor						
Provide additional documentation (if applicable) to substantiate the score for this category below.						
(B) Energy Savings Energy savings will be determined by the projections in an energy assessment or audit, supported by at least 12 months of historical utility bills. Proposed additional energy consumption should not be considered.						
Historical Annual Energy Consumption (HEC) in BTU's:		Energy Savings	0.00%			
Projected Annual Energy Consumption (PEC) in BTU's:		(Auto-Calculates)	0.0075			
If the estimated energy expected to be saved by the installation of the energy efficiency improvements will be from:						
(1) 20% up to but not including 3	Points					
(2) 35% up to but not including 50	0					
(3) 50% or greater, award 15 points. Provide additional documentation (if applicable) to substantiate the score for this category below.						
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and fair market value of byproo applicant entity over at least the mos in the actual average price of energy byproducts (e.g. compost from a dig to calculate payback when renewabl proposed additional energy consump received for the entire life of the syst	ducts as applicable t recent 12 month perio for replacement project sster or distillers grain fr e energy will be used in tion. Does not include t em.	Total project costs / Dollar value in a typical year. Historical use mus d. Only energy charges directly reduce is. Documentation should be provided it om ethanol plant). Documentation of p a new facility or off grid application. Re ax credits, carbon credits, RECs and co costs can be use in cell B123. Manual	st be based on average actual of d by the unit of energy being re o justify the quantity and price p rice per unit of a conventional fi sidential energy consumption is onstruction or investment relate	energy consumed by the placed should be included ber unit of energy and uel source may be provided s excluded. Do not include d benefits which are not
Total Project Costs	\$0	\$ Replaced	\$0	
(Auto Calculates):	φU	\$ Sold or Credited	\$0	#DIV/0!
Total Income:	\$0	\$ Used	\$0	
	• •	\$ By Products	\$0	
f the simple payback of the propo				
1) Less than 10 years, award 15		nainta		Points
<u>2)</u> 10 years up to but not includin <u>3)</u> 15 years up to and including 2				#DIV/0!
4) Longer than 25 years, award (#DIV/0!
Provide documentation to substar	ntiate the score for this	s category below.		
OR				
i) Energy efficiency improvem	onte			
Savings using a constant value or pr nost recent 12-60 consecutive mont of energy must be actual average pr	ice of energy; historical h period, supported by t ice paid over same perio	Dollar Value of Energy Saved. Dolla energy use of building or equipment mu utility bills. Does not include proposed a d as above, using only energy charges han the dollar amount of energy saving	ust be based on actual average dditional energy consumption a s directly reduced by the unit of	annual BTU used over the and savings. Value or price energy being replaced or
Total Project Costs (Auto Calculates):	\$0.00	Dollar Value of Energy Saved:		
f the simple payback of the propo	sed project is:			
A) Less than 4 years, award 15 p	ooints.			Points
B) 4 years up to but not including	8 years, award 10 pc	pints.		
C) 8 years up to and including 12	years, award 5 point	S.		0
D) Longer than 12 years, award () points.			-
Provide documentation to substar	ntiate the score for this	s category below.		
7) State Director and Adm A maximum of 10 points will be a		•		
•	ator, at their distrect	ion, may award up to a maximum	of 10 priority points for	Points
i) Selecting the application helps unding request				
ii) The applicant is a member of a				
(a) Owned by a veteran, incluc etc, of not less than 20%				
(b) Owned by a member of a s to racial, ethnic, or gender prej individual qualities. **In order of the project are members of a second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second seco	0			
iii) The proposed project is in a F calendar years				
		nere 20% or more of its population is an area that has experienced long-te		

Provide documentation to substantiate the score for this category below.