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Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP)

Program Overview

Loan Purpose and Authority

Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) (Direct RUS Loan)

- Relending program to help rural families and small businesses achieve cost savings through loans that would enable cost-effective energy efficiency measures.
- Governed By 2014 Farm Bill. Further authorities provided by 2018 Omnibus Bill.

Eligibility

RESP

- Any retail electric service provider.

➤ *Rurality requirements removed under current appropriation.*

RESP Loan Conditions

- 0% interest loan – mark up to end-user capped at 3%
- No maximum loan size - 20 year maximum loan term
- 10 Year Draw Period
- Up to 4% for startup
- Must start repayment at 10 years
- EE measure must be attached to a dwelling/building/property

Some RESP Eligible Activities

- i. Lighting Improvements (Residential and commercial)
- ii. HVAC Systems
- iii. Building Envelope Improvements
- iv. Water Heaters
- v. Compressed Air Systems
- vi. Motors
- vii. Boilers, Dryers, Heaters and process related equipment
- viii. Energy Audits
- ix. On or Off Grid Renewable Energy Systems
- x. Energy Storage Devices
- xi. Energy Efficient Appliance Upgrades
- xii. Irrigation or Water and Waste Disposal System Efficiency Improvements
- xiii. Other Activities and investments directly related to Energy Efficiency Implementation

2018 RESP NOFA

- NOFA issued August 6, 2018; will remain open through September 30, 2019
- Over \$100 Million available in loan funds
- First step is to submit a Letter of Intent to RUS. Sample Letter of Intent is available on our website at:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-savings-program>

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