



Federal Funding Update

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Board of Directors Meeting
Strategic Session
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Agenda

- ⦿ Grants Oversight Steering Committee
- ⦿ Funding Strategy for 2024-2025
- ⦿ Federal Funding Program Applications
- ⦿ Other Nebraska Grant Programs

Grants Oversight Steering Committee

- The Why: In collaboration with our consultant, the creation of an Oversight Committee aligns with grant management best practices
- Committee is comprised of the Vice President team
- Provides strategic guidance and prioritization for federal/state funding programs
- Accountable for addressing issues and/or risks and providing direction regarding issue resolution and risk mitigation
- Cross functional approach allows for transparency and for all to see District wide impacts

2024-2025 Funding Strategy

Funding Programs for 2024 and early 2025:

- Long Duration Energy Storage
 - Concept paper submitted with NPPD as a host site and subrecipient
- Small Modular Reactor Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released
 - Pursuing Tier 2 – Fast Follower; focus on site selection and preparation
 - Project team lead will provide update to the board in December
 - Full application due January 17, 2025
- Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas NOFO released
 - Pursuing Topic Area 3 – small scale community-centered (\$2M-\$10M project size)
 - Concept paper due February 27, 2025; full application due August 28, 2025
- Carbon Capture Demonstration Notice Of Intent (NOI) released; anticipate NOFO to be released Q1 2025
 - Award will be made to one coal electric generation facility (~\$400M)
- Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Round 3 to open Spring 2025

Funding Strategy for 2024-2025 (Cont'd)

◎ **Policy Stakeholder Engagement**

- Working with Nebraska administration and the Governor's office on messaging and support of programs, along with tying our applications to their initiatives

◎ **Community Benefits Plan**

- Need to bring more awareness to greenhouse gas emissions reductions and the enablement of clean energy
- Exploring engagement and outreach mechanisms to obtain community buy-in
- Engage and encourage contractors on all available upcoming work and highlight outreach efforts
- Commit 3-5% of total project cost to a detailed community benefits plan

Federal Funding Program Applications

Not Awarded

- Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Round 2 (\$93M)

Awarded

- U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Energy for America Technical Assistance Grant (REAP TAG) (\$200K)
- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (\$391K for two programs)
- Water Resources Funding (\$855K for two programs)
- American Public Power Assoc. (APPA) Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) Grant (\$56K)

Application Submitted

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (\$26M)

Direct Pay Opportunities in Review

- Ainsworth Wind Energy Facility
- 45U - Zero Emissions Nuclear Facility Production Tax Credit
 - Still awaiting guidance from IRS/Treasury on gross receipts definition but determining how NPPD might define in lieu of additional guidance

Other Nebraska Grant Programs

- **Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE)**

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant; Opportunity for Nebraska: Reducing Emissions & Decarbonization (ONE RED)
- NDEE is still creating program details

- **Center for Rural Affairs**

- Executed Solar for All agreement with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Waiting on EPA guidance to help build out program

- **As plans are developed, we will keep the Board informed**



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