Federal and **Grant Funding** -ROF PIEL Update

NPPD Board of Directors Meeting **STRATEGIC SESSION** April 2025

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Agenda

- Initial Executive Actions and Policy Review
- Status of 45U Zero Emissions Nuclear Facility Production Tax Credit
- Funding program applications
- Other Nebraska grant programs

Initial Executive Actions & Policy Review

Onleashing American Energy

Executive order pauses award fund disbursement through IRA and IIJA subject to federal agency review to ensure funding programs align with objectives of new administration

Orive Deregulation

Eliminated climate and environmental justice initiatives and directed federal agencies to review existing regulations and permitting processes

Oevelop Domestic Energy

President Trump declared a national energy emergency

Achieving Efficiency through State and Local Preparedness

Empower states, localities, and citizens to more effectively prepare for incidents like cyber attacks and weather events

What does this mean for NPPD?

- The funding landscape is constantly evolving, and we are working with consultants and our peers to determine impacts. Below are general principles/guidance we've received:
 - Look at programs from the perspective of what projects and/or technologies are more or less favored by the new administration versus full program removal
 - Programs which recently had submission dates may be rescoped and require new submissions
 - This has been seen with our project submissions through the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED)
 - Delays in award notifications, agreement processing, and fund disbursements as programs are being reviewed
 - May see increased scrutiny on compliance for programs awarded but not in alignment with the new administration priorities
- Will watch for results of the program review process (likely completed by May timeframe) and budget reconciliation in the Fall

Status of 45U - Zero Emissions Nuclear Facility Production Tax Credit

- Engaged with consultant to support the definition/ calculation of gross receipts – this aspect of the 45U guidance has not been provided by IRS/Treasury
- Prevailing Wage documentation being reviewed along with support for completing required tax forms, as needed
- Oursuing a May 15, 2025, submission to claim our 2024 direct pay credit

Funding Application Status

Awarded

- USDA Rural Energy for America Technical Assistance Grant (REAP TAG)
- WaterSMART Water Energy Efficiency Grant (WEEG)
- Water Sustainability Fund
- APPA Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments Grant
- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program*

Application Submitted

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) FY23**
- WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects and WEEG programs
- Generation III + Small Modular Reactor Tier 2 (resubmitting application)
- Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA)***
- Point Source Carbon Capture Large-Scale Pilots, Commercial Demonstrations, and Networked Demonstration Commercialization***

* Awaiting award agreement

**FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has announced they are ending the BRIC program

*** Concept papers have been removed from OCED

Other Nebraska Grant Programs

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Programs

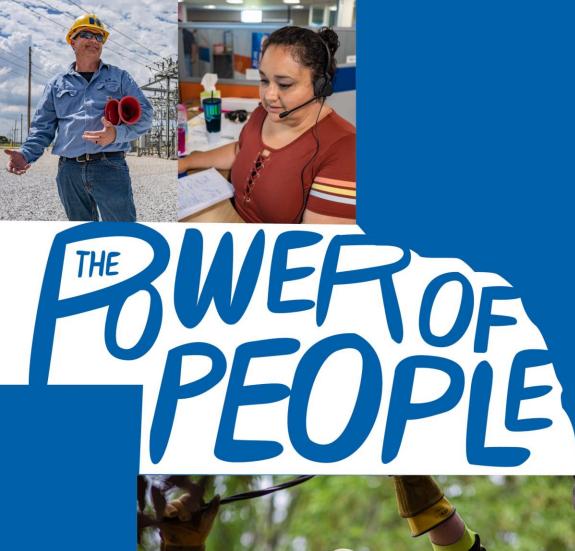
- Programs being reviewed by EPA
- Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE): Climate Pollution Reduction Grant; Opportunity for Nebraska: Reducing Emissions & Decarbonization (ONE RED)
 - Creating programs internally until the EPA review process is completed
- > Center for Rural Affairs: Solar for All program
 - Issued a Request for Project Interest for their program

USDA New ERA, PACE, and REAP* programs

USDA has provided a 30-day window for recipients to update their projects/programs for alignment with the administration priorities (optional)

Solution is released, we will keep the board informed

ERA: Empower Rural America PACE: Powering Affordable Clean Energy REAP: Rural Energy for America Program







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