

# Federal and Grant Funding Update

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NPPD Board of Directors Meeting  
**STRATEGIC SESSION**  
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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

## ◎ **Unleashing 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

## ◎ **Drive Deregulation**

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

## ◎ **Develop 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
- ⦿ Pursuing 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)

## ● **As information is released, we will keep the board informed**





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## Questions

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