

Agricultural Energy Program Application Form



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*A collaborative program of the
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
and the
Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources*

**Agricultural Energy Program Grant Application Form
for an Energy Efficiency Project**

Completed Application must be submitted via email to:
RI Office of Energy Resources -- abigail.hasenfus@energy.ri.gov

For questions on this program, please contact:

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Applicant Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants include agricultural entities and operations that fulfill all of the following requirements:

- Agricultural entities must have a physical location located in Rhode Island with the ability to enter into a legal agreement with the State.
- The proposed clean energy investment must be implemented/installed at a Rhode Island-based location.
- The applicant must be considered an “Agricultural Operation.” Agricultural Operations include any commercial enterprise which has as its primary purpose: horticulture, viticulture, floriculture, forestry, stabling of horses, dairy farming, aquaculture, the raising of livestock (including for the production of fiber), furbearing animals, poultry, or bees.
 - Applicants may seek program eligibility for operations not listed above by requesting an eligibility determination from DEM’s Chief of Agriculture.
 - The mixed-use of farms and farmlands for other forms of enterprise is hereby recognized as a valuable and viable means of contributing to the preservation of agriculture.
- The Agricultural Operation must be able to demonstrate that it has produced at least \$2,500 in income from agricultural operation in the previous calendar year through tax documentation.
- The applicant must own the property or has otherwise received permission from the property owner on which the proposed project will be implemented.
- The Agricultural Operation must have received a general energy efficiency audit or commit to scheduling an energy efficiency audit prior to funds being awarded.¹
 - In the event the completion of an energy audit is impossible or impractical for the proposed project, OER may waive this requirement.

Applications must:

- a) be completed and signed by an authorized representative of the Agricultural Operation; and
- b) include all documentation as requested within the application (see checklist).

Failure to sign the Application Form or to provide any of the materials requested may result in the disqualification of the Application.

¹ To schedule a free, no-obligation energy audit please contact Rhode Island Energy at 1-888-633-7947 or visit <https://www.riseengineering.com/residential/get-started>. Be sure to identify your property as a farm in the comments section.

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Basic Information

Project Name:

Estimated Energy Savings of Project:

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name(s):

Street Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

Phone:

Email Address:

Information about the Agricultural Operation

Name of Operation:

Owner(s) Name(s):

Legal Structure (e.g. LLC, LLP, sole proprietorship, etc.):

Physical Address:

Acreage

Total in Production:

Owned Acreage:

Leased Acreage (Attach copy of lease agreement):

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Description of Agricultural Operation

Please provide a clear description of your operation in detail, including growing crops and/or livestock raised.

Participation in Agricultural Development Rights Program

Does this farm have a "Deed to Development Right" (DDR)? NO YES

If YES, year DDR Recorded: _____

Name on DDR: _____

Will this project be implemented on DDR land? NO YES

Will this project require approval from the Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission?

NO YES NOT SURE

Is the proposed project involved with other State and/or Federal Funding programs?

NO YES

Please check all that apply:

USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)

USDA-Rural Development (REAP)

National Grid Incentive Program

Other, please specify: _____

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Project Description

Please provide a clear description of the proposed project stating how the project will impact and benefit the agricultural activities of the farm.

Estimated Energy Savings

Energy Audit Date: _____

Name of Auditor: _____

***Attach copy of audit to this application.**

How much energy will be saved annually by the proposed efficiency project? Please indicate units, i.e., kWh, gals, therms, cords, etc.

What percentage of total energy used by the operation will be saved annually by implementing the proposed energy efficiency project?

***Attach copies of most recent energy bill(s) to this application.**

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Project Economics

Total Project Cost	\$	-
Anticipated or Expected Funding — Rebates, Grants, and/or incentives, etc.		
A. USDA-Rural Development (REAP)	\$	-
B. National Grid Incentive Program	\$	-
C. USDA-NRCS/EQIP	\$	-
List other Funding Sources Below:		
D.	\$	-
E.	\$	-
F.	\$	-
G. Applicant's Contribution to Funding (Applicant must contribute at least 10% of total project costs) (Attach supporting documentation of personal funding source(s) (e.g., bank line of credit, personal loan, secured loan, etc.)	\$	-
H. TOTAL Anticipated Funding	\$	-
I. Amount you are requesting through RI Agricultural Energy Program (\$20,000 or less)	\$	-
J. Total of Anticipated Funding with Grant	\$	-
K. Shortfall Calculation (This shortfall amount MUST be zero. Project must demonstrate potential to be fully funded in order to receive grant money from OER)	\$	-
L. Projected Average Annual Cost Savings (Attach any supporting documentation of projected annual cost savings ex. Energy audit)	\$	-
M. Simplified Payback Years Calculation		

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Project Execution Plan & Supporting Documentation

Project Schedule:

Is this project ready to begin construction once all funding is received? **YES** **NO**

Have vendors or suppliers included scheduling and or time estimates for certain phases of your project in their quotes or proposals? **YES** **NO** **SOME**

Please provide a detailed project schedule including all relevant milestones (permits, interconnection, etc.).

Best estimate of project duration from start to finish: _____ Months

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Vendors:

List of all vendors associated with this project here.

Attach copies of professional certifications and/or licenses, if applicable.

Permits (If required):

List here all permits, if required, for this project indicating who will be responsible for securing the permit, and the date by which the permits will be secured.

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Equipment, Labor & Workmanship Warranties & Guarantees:

List here by name all equipment associated with this project and the installer for each.

**Attach copies of equipment specs and warranty documentation to this application. Provide warranty / guaranty documentation for the equipment, labor and the workmanship associated with its installation.*

Project Operation & Maintenance Requirements:

List equipment that requires scheduled maintenance and provide maintenance schedules for all equipment as per manufacturer recommendation.

**Attach copies of documentation to this application, as appropriate.*

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Attestation

By signing this application:

- I hereby attest that all statements herein are accurate and true and that I have the legal authority to enter into a binding contract with the State;
- I give permission for the Grant Committee staff to make a site visit before a funding decision is made and understand that the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) will arrange any such site visit with me in advance;
- I agree that I will adhere to all applicable local laws, state laws, and permits;
- I attest that I am aware that any grant money awarded can only be dispersed to me upon proof that the project is fully funded and upon signing a Memorandum of Understanding with OER, and that all funding is made at the sole discretion of OER subject to availability of program funds;
- I understand that I must provide documentation showing that all other grants or funding sources are in place and that the Total Amount for the Project requested in this grant Application has been made available to me for the project before any monies will be dispersed to me; and
- I understand that photos of my site may be taken by OER/DEM staff and that OER and DEM may use those photos at their sole discretion for purposes that include, but are not limited to, program marketing, education materials, workshops and presentations, and/or for other printed or web-based materials.

Authorized Representative Name (Printed): _____

Authorized Representative Signature: _____

Date:

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Energy Efficiency Application Check List

Have you completed these sections of the application?

- DDR Information complete
- Other Funding Programs information complete
- Average Annual Cost Savings Indicated
- Simplified Payback Years calculation calculated
- Project Schedule Summary completed
- Vendor list complete
- Permit List Complete, if applicable
- List of equipment complete
- Attestation signed and dated

Required Attachments:

- Copy of lease agreement for leased acreage, if applicable
- Copy of Energy Audit
- Copy of most recent energy bill(s)
- Supporting documentation for Applicant's Contribution (G.)
- Supporting documentation of project annual cost savings
- Vendor attachments: Copies of all pertinent licenses, registrations, RI Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board registration and proof of registration with the RI Secretary of State's Office
- Warranties and Guarantees for Equipment and Labor
- Documentation for maintenance and maintenance schedules, if applicable: