

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RFP #2019-006

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Grants for Renewable Energy Generation Projects in the Nonresidential Sector

	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>Are there any requirements for how an electric storage technology must be connected in order to qualify for 3 points in Category C: New Hampshire Benefits? I.e. does a battery have to be directly grid-connected or can it be used to excite a generator?</p>	<p>With reference to RFP Section III, C, and Table 4, a maximum of three points are available for “inclusion of electric or thermal energy storage” irrespective of the type of storage (i.e., thermal or electric). The submitted question refers specifically to electric storage; therefore, the response is specific to electric storage.</p> <p>A proposal may be eligible for some or all of these points provided the proposed renewable energy facility is interconnected to the grid and the facility is charging the storage technology (e.g., batteries). The storage technology should also provide some additional benefit to the project owner, New Hampshire, and/or utility ratepayers. For example, electricity storage benefits could include: enabling storage to discharge during peak events, reducing customer demand charges, providing back-up power, or providing other benefits to the grid.</p> <p>The Evaluation Team would consider benefit evidence presented to determine the number of points to award under this scoring category.</p>
2.	<p>Can the same entity submit two alternative proposals for the same site?</p>	<p>The same entity can submit alternative proposals for the same site. In that instance, please separately provide information and calculations for each alternative proposal for any criteria in which the proposals would differ. Please also include a separate Attachment A for each alternative.</p> <p>Unique, distinct, project proposals for the same site must submit a separate complete proposal for each project. Each project proposal must meet all RFP requirements without reference to the other proposal(s).</p>

3.	Is there a minimum contribution an entity needs to make in order to be considered an additional funding source in Category E: Matching and Other Funding Sources?	With reference to RFP Section III, E and Table 6, to score points for an individual funding source, the contribution from the source must be > \$0.
4.	Would the installation of a water turbine in a gravity reservoir water line that runs 24/7/365 be eligible for this grant?	Based on the limited information provided, it appears unlikely that the proposed water turbine hydroelectric project would be eligible to produce either Class I or Class IV RECs, and therefore it would not be eligible for grant funding.
5.	Are municipalities eligible for grant funding?	Yes, municipalities may submit proposal(s) for grant funding. <i>See</i> RFP Section I, C, Page 4, Item #3, which states that “Projects must be in the nonresidential sector. Projects may be at commercial, industrial, public, non-profit, municipal, or school facilities. Projects may include multi-family buildings of four units or more; otherwise residential projects are not eligible”.
6.	Is a hydro facility that has been out of commission for less than a year, but needs extensive work and funds to be put back in commission, eligible for this grant?	An existing hydroelectric facility which originally became operational prior to January 1, 2006 which requires extensive renovations to resume commercial operation may be eligible for grant funding if the renovations will result in the increased production of Class I and/or Class IV RECs. The proposal should demonstrate to the best of the applicant’s ability that the project would be eligible to produce NH Class I or Class IV RECs based on all requirements set forth in RSA 362:F and the PUC 2500 Rules .