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SUBJECT: DE 10-024, DE 10-212, DE 13-298, DE 15-302, DE 16-614, and DE 17-172:
Approval of Preliminary Fiscal Year 2022 Renewable Energy Fund Program Budgets

Summary

This memorandum confirms Department of Energy (Department) approval for the establishment of preliminary fiscal year 2022 (FY22) program budgets for the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) as set forth in the Preliminary Funding Allocations by Program (Table 2) on page 2. Further, the Department informs stakeholders of the following actions:

- All program applications received and approved prior to July 1, 2021 will be paid upon project completion and approval of a Step 2 application, provided that the project meets all program terms and conditions. Those applications will be paid with FY21 carry-forward funds which are not included in the preliminary FY22 program allocations.
- FY22 applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Department will continue to accept new applications for rebate programs until specific program funding allocations are fully utilized.
- Staff will establish waitlists for specific programs when the program receives applications in excess of its preliminary funding allocation.
- Requests for Proposals will not be issued by the Department for renewable energy generation projects in the Non-Residential Sector (C&I Competitive Grant program) or for the Low and Moderate Income Community Solar Grant (LMI Grant program) programs until the final FY22 REF program allocations are established and approved by the Department.

Funding Analysis

Based on the REF FY22 Statement of Appropriation, \$2,000,000 is available for allocation to FY22 grant and rebate programs. Given that the FY21 program allocations are fully expended, the Department authorizes the allocation of \$1,000,000 to enable Department staff to open the rebate programs to new applications. Table 1 presents the statutorily required funding breakdown between sectors.

Table 1: Program Funding Allocations by Sector

\$1,000,000	FY22 Preliminary Rebate and Grant Program Funds
\$450,000	Funds allocated to Residential Sector (45%)
\$550,000	Funds allocated to Commercial & Industrial (non-residential) Sector (55%)

Table 2 summarizes the preliminary allocation of funding to specific Residential and Commercial and Industrial programs supported by the REF and meeting the program funding requirements of RSA 362-F.

Table 2: Preliminary Funding Allocations by Program

	Preliminary Program Allocations for FY22
Residential	
Solar PV Rebates	\$165,000
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	\$135,000
LMI Grant (min 15%)	\$150,000
<i>sub-total</i>	<i>\$450,000</i>
Commercial & Industrial	
Solar Rebates	\$200,000
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	\$50,000
Competitive Grants	\$300,000
<i>sub-total</i>	<i>\$550,000</i>
Total Residential and C&I	\$1,000,000

Application Submission

On July 1, 2021, the Renewable Energy Fund and related rebate and grant programs transferred from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department. With that transition, email addresses were also changed and application forms have been updated. Table 3 summarizes the new program email addresses and provides links to the revised application forms.

Table 3: Program Email Addresses and Application Forms

	Email Address	Application Forms
Residential		
Solar PV Rebates	ResElectRebate@energy.nh.gov	https://www.puc.nh.gov/SustainableEnergy/RenewableEnergyRebates-SREG.html
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	ThermalRebates@energy.nh.gov	https://www.puc.nh.gov/SustainableEnergy/RenewableEnergyRebates-WP.html

	Email Address	Application Forms
Commercial & Industrial		
Solar Rebates	CISolarRebate@energy.nh.gov	https://www.puc.nh.gov/SustainableEnergy/RenewableEnergyRebates-CI.html
Bulk-Fed Pellet Central Heating Rebates	ThermalRebates@energy.nh.gov	https://www.puc.nh.gov/SustainableEnergy/RenewableEnergyRebates-CI-BFWP.html

The Department strongly encourages all applicants for new projects to use the updated Step 1 application form and all applicants for payment after September 3, 2021 to use the updated Step 2 application form.