

National Environmental Policy (NEPA) Determination for the Renew America's Nonprofits Program

Mid-America Regional Council and the non-profit organizations selected for this program will provide assurance that it shall only fund projects (including subgrants) that fall within the activities listed below and will follow all restrictions defined below.

All proposed project activities and equipment funded from the SCEP – Renew America’s Nonprofits *Funding Opportunity Announcement* (FOA) Number: DE-FOA-0003066 must be among those listed below. Activities and equipment not listed below would require submission of an *Environmental Questionnaire 1* (EQ1) form.

Eligible Activities:

1. Administrative activities associated with management and operation of the SCEP - Renew America’s Nonprofits program and strategies to encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy, including meetings, travel, and energy audits.
2. Development and implementation of programs, plans, and strategies to encourage energy efficiency such as policy development and stakeholder engagements.
3. Development and implementation of classroom or online training programs.
4. Development and implementation of building codes including inspection services, and associated activities to support code compliance and promote building energy- efficiency.
5. Implementation of financial incentive programs including rebates and energy savings performance contracts for existing facilities; grants and loans to support energy efficiency; and energy/water saving projects. All project activities funded under a financial incentive program must be listed within this NEPA Statement of Work.
6. Funding commercially available energy efficiency upgrades, provided the projects adhere to the requirements of the respective states’ DOE-executed *Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement*, are installed in or on existing buildings, do not require ground disturbance, do not require tree removal or tree trimming, do not require structural reinforcement, are appropriately sized, and are limited to:
 - a. Installation of insulation
 - b. Installation of energy efficient lighting (if no trees are removed or trimmed and ground disturbed)
 - c. HVAC upgrades to existing systems
 - d. Weather sealing and duct sealing
 - e. Purchase and installation of energy/water-efficient residential and commercial appliances and equipment (including, but not limited to, grid-interactive building technologies, energy or water monitoring and control

- systems, thermostats, heat pumps, furnaces, air conditioners, and related software).
- f. Retrofit of energy efficient pumps and motors (for such uses as, but not limited to, wastewater treatment plants) where it would not alter the capacity, use, mission, or operation of an existing facility.
 - g. Retrofit and replacement of windows and doors.
 - h. Installation of electric appliances (including replacement of appliances that utilize fossil fuels with electric appliances) such as heat pumps for water heating, air heating/cooling, electric dryers, and stoves.
 - i. Retrofit and installation of energy-efficient commercial kitchen equipment, such as efficient refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, ice makers, fryers, ovens, and stoves.
 - j. Electrical system upgrades required to enable energy efficient/clean energy. Measures limited to electric panel upgrades, updated wiring and conduit, grounding, and arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) and ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) breakers.
7. Development, implementation, and installation of onsite renewable energy technology, provided the projects adhere to the requirements of the respective states' DOE-executed *Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement*, are installed in or on existing buildings, do not require ground disturbance, do not require tree removal or tree trimming, do not require structural reinforcement, are appropriately sized, and are limited to:
- a. Solar Thermal systems (including solar thermal hot water) – system must be 200,000 British thermal unit (BTU) per hour or smaller.
 - b. Combined Heat and Power System – system not to exceed peak electrical production at 300 kilowatts (kW).
8. Development and installation of energy storage systems, including electrochemical and thermal storage systems, provided the projects adhere to the requirements of the respective states' DOE-executed *Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement*, are installed in or on existing buildings, do not require ground disturbance, do not require tree removal or tree trimming, do not require structural reinforcement, are appropriately sized not to exceed 1,000 kilowatt-hour (kWh), obtain the appropriate permits, and comply with regulatory requirements.
9. Activities focused on structural, health, and safety issues required before energy efficiency measures can be completed provided the activities adhere to the requirements of the respective state' DOE-executed *Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement*, are installed in or on existing buildings, do not require ground disturbance, and are limited to:
- a. Repair/replace damaged windows and doors.
 - b. Minor electrical and plumbing repairs

- c. Roof repair or replacement including, replacing decking material and roof, and/or changing roof material (e.g., shingles to metal). NOTE – These activities would likely require State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation on buildings 45 years or older, as applicable per each states' *Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement* (PA). Recipients and subrecipients must review their PA to understand their responsibilities for SHPO consultation.
- d. Ceiling repairs
- e. Floor repairs
- f. Foundation or subspace (crawl space) repairs
- g. Exterior drainage repairs limited to gutter repair or replacement and trimming shrubs.
- h. Clean-up or remediation activities:
 - i. Lead paint
 - ii. Asbestos (confirmed or suspected, including vermiculite)
 - iii. Mold and/or moisture

MARC as the Prime Recipient is responsible for informing DOE of any extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts, or connected actions that may lead to significant impacts on the environment or any inconsistency with the “integral elements” from a particular project. See 10 C.F.R. Part 1021 Appendix B, and the DOE’s online NEPA and Historic Preservation training at www.energy.gov/node/4816816 to review these concepts.

Expedited NEPA review based on this NEPA Statement of Work and supporting documents does not preclude DOE from conducting stewardship activities, including audits and site visits, or from exercising any other rights under the SCEP – Renew America’s Nonprofits program.

MARC as the Prime Recipient has agreed to follow all statements and restrictions in this document; review and comply with the *NEPA Determination* (included in their award documents) and review DOE’s NEPA and Historic Preservation training website. DOE has developed a NEPA and Historic Preservation training which contains PowerPoint presentations, sample template documents (including project *scope of work* and a project *layout*), a Word template of the *Environmental Questionnaire 1* (EQ1), and an *EQ1 Submission Guide* at www.energy.gov/node/4816816. Additionally, recipients will receive a virtual NEPA/Historic Preservation training specific to the SCEP – Renew America’s Nonprofits program.

Recipients are responsible for reviewing the training materials and sample documents prior to initiating projects. Recipients must contact their DOE Project Officer with any questions. Subrecipients must review the NEPA and Historic Preservation training website prior to initiating projects.