

RFA - Residential Electrification Home Energy Coaching Questions and Answers

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Q1: Does this grant focus on serving households that do NOT qualify for income-restricted programs (page 21 of the RFA)?

A1: Per the referenced page in the RFA, yes.

Q2: Do you have an estimate of the numbers of people who would be anticipated to be served-- numbers per week or something like that?

A2: Applicants should propose numbers that they believe are reasonable when they submit their application.

Q3: Do you expect consultations to be in person in homes or at community meetings or virtually?

A3: Applicants should propose the format/setting for consultations as part of a realistic conceptual plan to achieve the required outcomes.

Q4: How do I delete an application?

A4: If you are unable to delete an application, simply submit the application that you would like DOEE to review.

Q5: You mentioned contractor preferences. Do you have a qualified or preferred list of contractors?

A5: DOEE and DCSEU do not maintain a list of qualified, preferred contractors, or a list of qualifications.

Q6: Will the grant applicant be solely responsible for advertising and promoting this service to the community or will the promotion be in partnership with DOEE?

A6: Grantees will share the responsibility for advertising and promoting this service with DOEE.

Q7: Would printed materials or other handouts to residents be DOEE branded or just have the logo/contact info of the grantees?

A7: It is up to the grantees whether they would like to include the DOEE logo; however, all materials will need DOEE approval before distribution to the public.

Q8: If students from schools like UDC are involved, do we need permission for that?

A8: See pages 13 and 14 of the RFA for documentation the applicant needs to provide depending on the partnership being proposed.

Q9: Is there a recording available of the pre-application info session?

A9: There is no recording available; however, applicants may review the Q&A and presentation, posted here: <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1760376>.

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A10: Has the de minimis rate of 10% for Indirect Costs has been updated to align with the 15% for Federal grants, which came into effect in October 2024?

A10: DOEE follows the federal guideline for funding to include the revised de minimus rate.

Q11: Are there any restrictions on who is allowed to work on these grants in a contractual capacity? Specifically, for someone who is not a US Citizen nor a US resident, and works outside of the United States, are we allowed to include this person in the application?

A11: There are no restrictions on who is allowed to work on the grants provided that the grantee and its contractor/subgrantee adheres to all rules and requirements identified in [Attachment 1 - \(GT&C\)](#) and [Attachment 2 - \(PCA\)](#) of the RFA solicitation.

Q12: How should we include references to supporting information in the narrative. For example, can applicants upload supporting documents in Section 13 or would it make sense to reference something like [see Section 13, REIWG Initiatives.pdf, page 2]?

A12: There is no format or preference to how an applicant makes reference to supporting documentation.

Q13: Should applicants assume that URLs to specific web pages or websites can be included but wouldn't be accessed through the link provided. Do applicants need to print specific supporting content and attach in Section 13?

A13: DOEE should be able to access links in the narrative entered into the GMS. You should not need to attach any additional documentation.

Q14: We have a short video we would like to include to illustrate an aspect of the proposal. Would it be acceptable to add as an attachment in Section 13? If yes, are there any limits on file sizes that we should be aware of?

A14: DOEE should be able to access links in the narrative entered into the GMS. There is no file size limit at present.