

Exploring Virginia-Based Solarize Project Models

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RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM – SECTION 9007

- The purpose of this program is to help farmers and ranchers and rural small businesses to reduce energy costs and consumption.
- This can be accomplished through a renewable energy system OR an energy efficiency improvement project. Energy Efficiency projects require energy audits.
- Application deadline: May 2, 2016

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- There are thousands and thousands of agriculture producers and small, rural businesses that serve rural America.
- This program is intended to provide a way that these businesses can contribute towards our National goals of energy reduction/conservation and reducing our dependency on foreign energy sources.

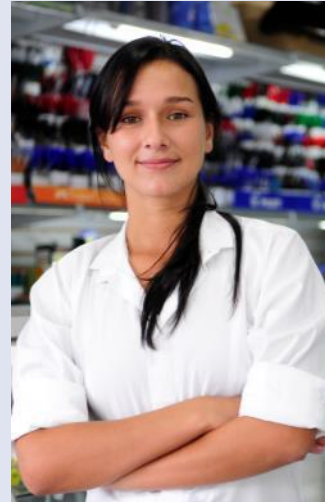
Eligible Applicants

Agricultural Producer



- **Individual or entity that receives 51 percent or more of their gross income from agricultural production** – crops, livestock, aquaculture, forestry operations, nurseries, dairies

Rural Small Business



- **Privately owned for-profit small business** - as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA)
- **Rural area or non-metro community of $\leq 50,000$**



Eligible Project Costs

- **Equipment:**
 - Purchase & installation
 - New, refurbished, or remanufactured equipment
- **Post-application construction & facility improvements integral to the renewable energy or energy efficiency project**
- **Professional service fees**
- **Permits & license fees**
- **Retrofitting**
- **Working capital, land acquisition (Guarantee ONLY)**





Ineligible Project Costs

- **Residential energy projects**
- **Equipment:**
 - Farm tillage equipment
 - Used equipment
 - Vehicles
- **Pre-application construction & facility improvements; repairs or operating costs**
- **Application preparation or grant writer fees**
- **Line of credit**
- **Lease payments**
- **Payment to the applicant/business owner, beneficiary, or relative**

REAP Grant Assistance

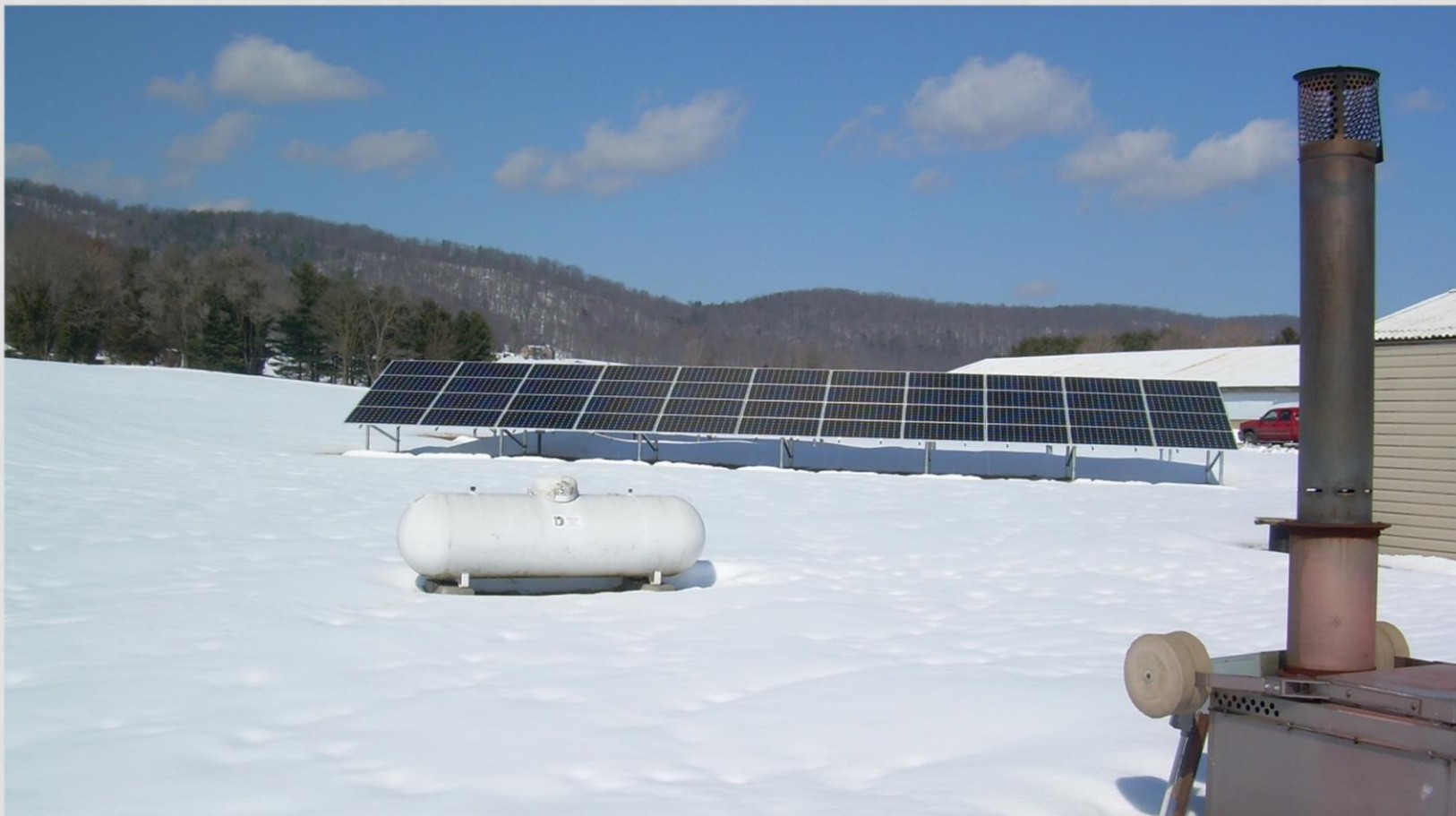
Up to 25%
of Eligible Project Costs

 Renewable Energy Systems		 Energy Efficiency Improvements	
Minimum Grant Request	\$2,500 Total eligible project costs \geq \$10,000	Minimum Grant Request	\$1,500 Total eligible project costs \geq \$6,000
Maximum Grant Request	\$500,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$2 million	Maximum Grant Request	\$250,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$1 million

REAP Guaranteed Loan Assistance

Up to 75%
of Eligible Project Costs

Minimum Loan Amount	\$5,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$6,667
Maximum Loan Amount	\$25 million Total eligible project costs \geq \$33.4 million
Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USDA guarantees a commercial loan; applicant must have a willing lender.• Terms are negotiated between the lender and borrower.• Fees, appraisals, equity & collateral requirements apply.



FRANJILLOU FARMS

40 KW GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR
MOUNT CRAWFORD, VA



SHEPHERDS CORNER FARM

12.4 KW ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR
PURCELLVILLE, VA



MIKAS CHALET

20 KW ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR
HARRISONBURG, VA



GLEBE FARM

GRAIN DRYER REPLACEMENT
BRANDY STATION, VA



DANIEL HORNING

POULTRY HOUSE REPLACEMENT
MOUNT SOLON, VA

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