

## Rural Energy for America Program What we've been doing, the possibilities and the future?



# Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Background

Farm Bill authorizes Rural Development's First Energy Program, Section 9006

Farm Bill reauthorized the energy programs

2002

2008

2014

2018

Farm Bill energy program was reauthorized and titled: Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), Section 9007 2008 Farm Bill also created new energy programs

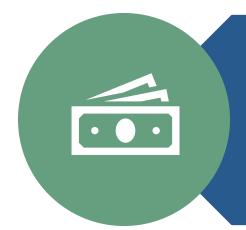
- -Biorefinery Assistance
- -Repowering Assistance
- -Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels

Farm Bill reauthorized 3 of the 4, letting the Repowering Assistance program expire

# 2022 REAP | Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding: Background

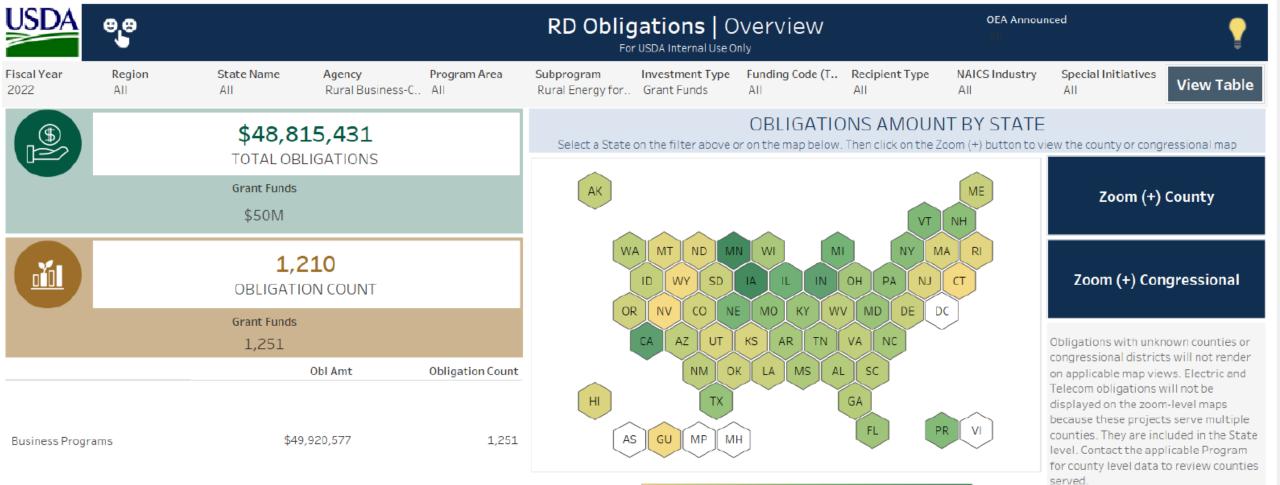


The Rural Energy for America Program was funded with an additional \$2.02 billion dollars over the next decade to invest in over 45,000 farms and small businesses



### Investment

- \$1.7 Billion for REAP
- \$304 Million for underutilized technologies and technical assistance





**OBLIGATION AMOUNT BY STATE** 

Highlight Obl State No items highlighted

\$3,142,013



\$8,366

Obl Amt

#### RD Obligations | State & County Investments

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**OEA Announced** 



Fiscal Year 2022

Region Midwest Region State Name Minnesota

Obligation Count.. Program Area

Business Progra..

Subprogram Rural Energy for.. Grant Funds

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**View Table** 



\$3,142,013

**OBLIGATIONS** 

**Grant Funds** 

\$3M



131

**OBLIGATION COUNT** 

**Grant Funds** 

131

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN | Click to Filter

Obl Amt

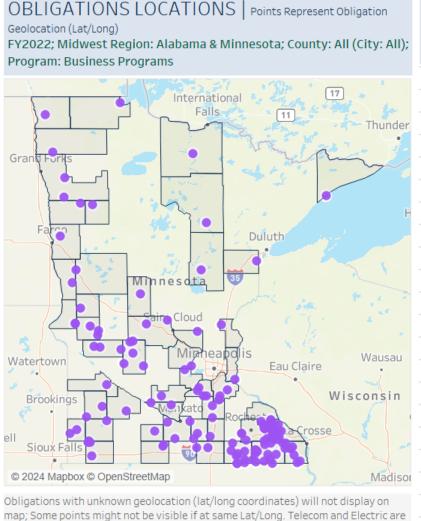
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Business Programs

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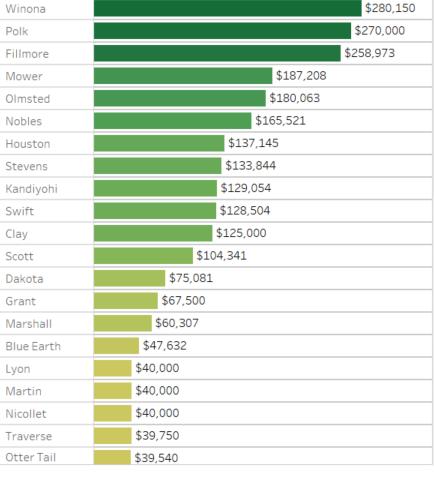
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#### OBL AMOUNT RANKING BY COUNTY | Alabama & Minnesota

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Obl Amt

\$3,241

\$280,150

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\$18,057,976

**OBLIGATIONS** 

**Grant Funds** \$18M



244

**OBLIGATION COUNT** 

**Grant Funds** 

244

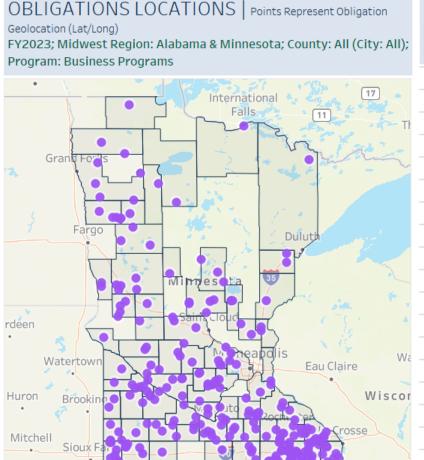
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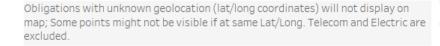
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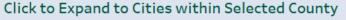
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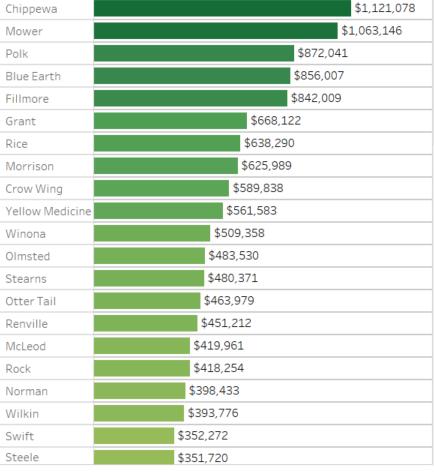




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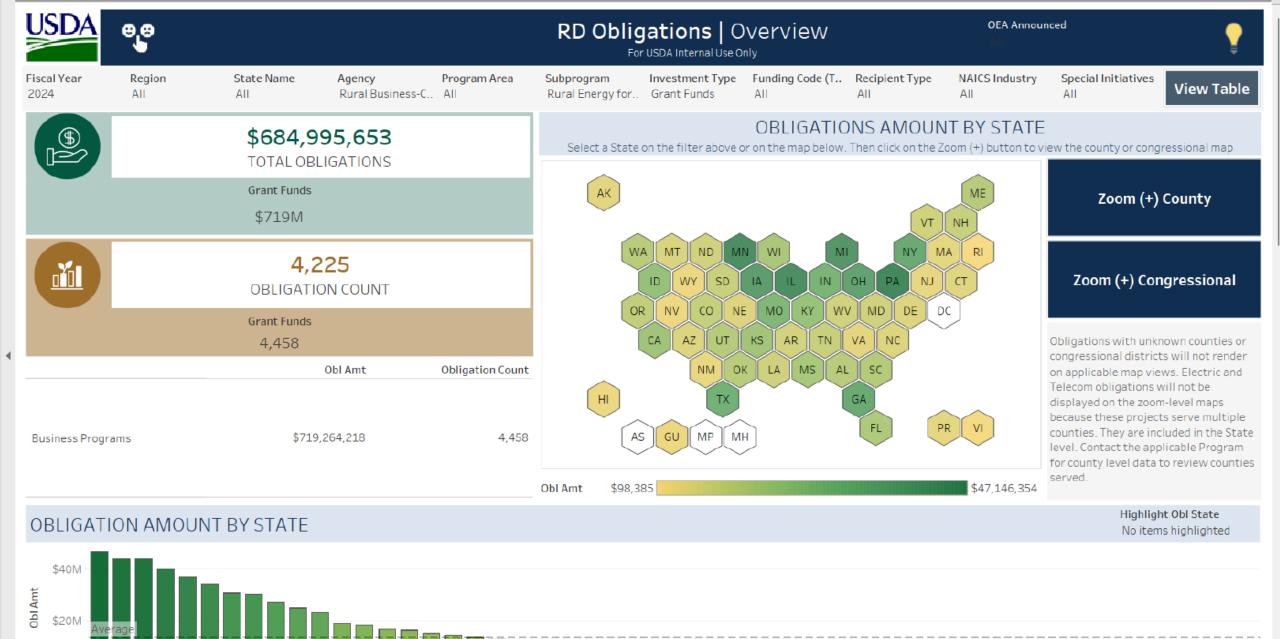




#### Obl Amt

\$17,132

\$1.121.078



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\$44,077,819 **OBLIGATIONS** 

**Grant Funds** \$44M

386

**OBLIGATION COUNT** 

**Grant Funds** 386

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Obl Amt

**Obligation Count** 

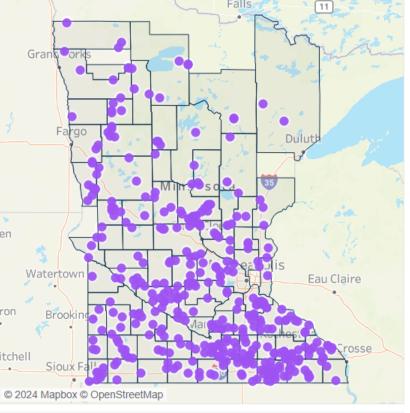
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\$44,077,819



FY2024; Midwest Region: Alabama & Minnesota; County: All (City: All);

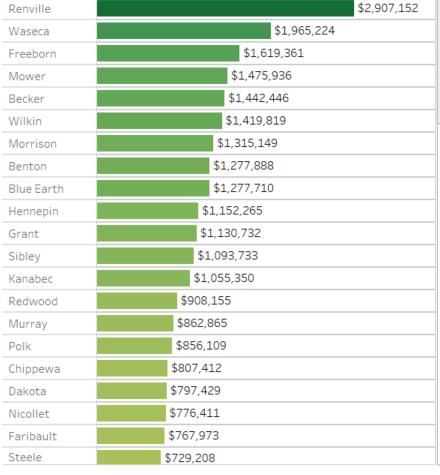
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#### Obl Amt

\$29,304

\$2,907,152

# REAP Financial Assistance Types

Grants

Loan Guarantees

Combination Grant/Loan Guarantees



## Funding Requirements for REAP Grants

## Up to 50%\* of Eligible Project Costs

Renewable Energy Systems		Energy Efficiency Improvements	
Minimum Total Project Cost	\$10,000	Minimum Total Project Costs	\$6,000
Maximum Grant Request	\$1,000,000	Maximum Grant Request	\$500,000

<sup>\*</sup>Must meet requirements to be eligible for 50%.

<sup>\*</sup>Maximum financing for loan/grant combo is 75% of eligible project cost.

## REAP Project Types

Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

Energy Efficiency Improvements (EEI)

Energy Efficiency Equipment and Systems (EEE) for Agricultural Production or Processing (Loan Guarantee Only)





## Renewable Energy Eligible Projects



Solar



Wind



Small Hydroelectric (below 30 megawatts)



**Anaerobic Digesters** 



**Biomass** 



Geothermal



Wave/Ocean Power

## Energy Efficiency Eligible Projects



Lighting



Heating



Cooling



Ventilation



Fans



**Automated Controls** 



Insulation



## Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI) SMBSC



Updates to the juice purification system \$114,071 REAP Grant

- Saved 224,163,790 KWH 22% energy savings
- \$3.5 Million dollars saved annually

### Combined Heat & Power

**Heartland Corn Products** 



## Existing Ethanol Plant

Installation Combined Heat & Power System

- \$1,000,000 REAP Grant
- \$24,000,000 Total Product Cost



6.5 MGY increase ethanol production, increased DDGS & less electricity purchased

Application Requirements

RES Projects
may require a full
technical report
and/or a
feasibility study

EEI projects require an energy assessment or energy audit

Projects involving over 10 acres may require a more detailed environmental review

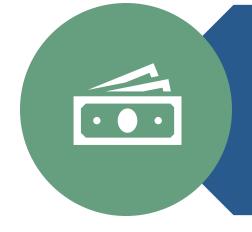


What funding is available for Energy Efficient Equipment and Systems (EEE) Assistance?

# Energy Efficient Equipment & Systems Assistance (EEE)



The 2018 Farm Bill expanded REAP provisions to include guaranteed loan funding up to 15% to agricultural producers for Energy Efficient Equipment and Systems (EEE).



The funding is a guaranteed loan <u>ONLY</u>. Loan funds can be used for the purchase and installation of equipment that exceeds current efficiency standards.

# Energy Efficient Equipment and Systems Assistance (EEE) Equipment Installation



## Hydroponic Greenhouse

State of the art commercial scale hydroponic tomato facility using combined heat and power to maximize efficiencies

- \$66,662,731 Total Project Cost
- \$17,000,000 REAP Guarantee
- \$24,500,000 B&I Guarantee



Replacing 25,613,890 (kWh) of electricity per year - enough to power 2,364 houses

## What does the future hold?

## FY 2025, 2026 & 2027

Notice of funding opportunity published October 16, 2024

\$180 Million annually

FY 25
Deadlines –
December
31, 2024 &
March 31,
2025

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