

**Rutland County Low-income Wood Stove Change-out and Pellet Heating
Request for Proposals
Questions and Answers**

Question #1

Can part of the grant award be used for Interest Rate buy-downs on energy loans?

Answer #1

Yes, if the “energy loans” are for qualifying energy efficiency measures, new wood or pellet stoves replacing old stoves, or new pellet boilers. Please note that payments made to a lender on behalf of the customer would cause the project to be subject to Davis Bacon compliance.

Question #2

Can the grant be used to replace an existing central heating system with a pellet central heating system?

Answer #2

Yes, as long as it meets the efficiency and particulate emission requirements.

Question #3

If the grantee has recently (within the last year or two) finished an energy efficiency project and then uses the grant to replace the same customer’s stove as part of this program, can the grantee count the weatherization energy savings towards the overall program goals?

Answer #3

No. Any energy savings realized from past energy efficiency measures cannot be reported as part of this grant. However, it would be informative to note when stoves were installed or changed-out in homes that have had efficiency work completed.

Question #4

Are outdoor wood boilers eligible?

Answer #4

If the question is if they are eligible to be changed out, the answer is yes. Outdoor wood boilers would be a priority to be changed-out. If the question is if they are eligible to be installed as part of the program, the answer is yes, as long as they meet the efficiency and particulate requirements the CEDF has established for wood/pellet boilers to participate in CEDF's small scale renewable energy incentive program.

Question #5

In the right circumstances, could grant funds be used to incentivize customers to weatherize their homes in addition to the installation of a wood or pellet heating system rather than just replace a wood stove or install a pellet heating system?

Answer #5

Yes. Such a program component would be encouraged.

Question #6

Does the hard copy of the proposal need to be in-hand on October 24th or mailed by the 24th?

Answer #5

The hard copy can be mailed on the 24th, if the email copy is received by the 24th and the hard copy is identical to the emailed version.

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