

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**Request for Applications – Connected Communities: Distributed Energy Resources
Demonstration Project**

The Department of Energy and Environment (the Department) seeks eligible entities through a Request for Applications (RFA) for partners to assist with submitting a concept paper and full application for a funding opportunity from the United States Department of Energy (US DOE). The US DOE Connected Communities funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will fund projects that will demonstrate how groups of buildings combined with other distributed energy resources (DERs) will maximize building, community, and grid efficiency.

The purpose of this RFA is for applicants to present to the Department innovative projects that will contribute to the Connected Communities application and be implemented if the Department is awarded a US DOE grant. Applicants must provide information on one or both of the following areas:

1. A list of buildings that can be used for the Connected Communities FOA implementation. The types of buildings can include, but are not limited to, residential, commercial, industrial, and educational buildings. The US DOE grant would provide funding for integrated high performance retrofits that will provide cost-effective deep efficiency improvements.

OR

2. A list of potential DERs, such as electric vehicle (EV) charging and photovoltaic (PV) generation that applicant's buildings can integrate in their existing building infrastructure. Applicants are encouraged to provide information on the latest DER technologies that can modify the energy load and reduce the burden on grid assets. Additionally, applicants need to provide a plan for implementing the suggested DER technologies.

Applicant must have access and authorization to implement the project and make project decisions for the buildings.

The Department may select up to five partners to include in its application to the US DOE. Selected partners will have the opportunity to receive a portion of the \$3,000,000-\$5,000,000 grant award. Whether a project is funded and the funding amount is dependent on the grant awarded by the US DOE. A project may be funded only if the US DOE awards the Department grant funds for the project. The Department will decide on any grant award(s) using the funds it receives from the US DOE based on applications it receives in response to this RFA.

Beginning December 31, 2020, the full text of the RFA will be available on the Department's website. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

Download from the Department's website, www.doe.dc.gov. Select the *Resources* tab. Cursor over the pull-down list and select *Grants and Funding*. On the new page, cursor down to this RFA. Click on *Read More* and download this RFA and related information from the *Attachments* section.

Email a request to CCRFP.grants@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA 2021-2105-EA” in the subject line.

The deadline for application submissions is 2/1/2021, at 4:30 p.m. A complete electronic copy must be e-mailed to CCRFP.grants@dc.gov and received by that time.

Eligibility: All the checked institutions below may apply for this RFA:

- ☒-Nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations;
- ☒-Faith-based organizations;
- ☒-Government agencies;
- ☒-Universities/educational institutions; and
- ☒-Private Enterprises.

For additional information regarding this RFA, write to: CCRFA.grants@dc.gov.