



Community Energy Resilience Program

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Agenda

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Background

Funding source: U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program (SEP) awarded in 2025.

Nationally, program funds are designed to assist states in implementing statewide energy goals.

Overview

Community Energy Resilience Program (CERP)

- The purchase or development of equipment for mobile renewable energy generators equipped with battery storage; and
- Training for those that are expected to utilize the equipment

Funding available: \$200,000

Timeline

Activity	Dates
Opportunity posted to IEDA website	12/16
Webinar, Q&A	12/19
Application due	1/15
Preliminary application award notice	1/25
Project start date	2/15
Project completion date	6/30/2026



Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are not limited in this program.

Eligible entities:

- May submit an application that includes one or more sub-recipients
- May apply individually or jointly
- Will be allowed to submit only one application as the primary applicant during this funding announcement. Project partners or sub-recipients can support multiple projects.

Indirect rate memorandum is in effect under this award.

Eligible vs ineligible costs can be found in the Policies and Procedures guide.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- The purchase or development of equipment for mobile renewable energy generators equipped with battery storage; and
- Training for those that are expected to utilize the equipment

Minimum award size: \$10,000.

Projects must be completed by June 30, 2026.

What is a mobile renewable energy generator with battery storage?

A mobile renewable energy generator is a portable storage device that generates electricity from renewable sources (wind or solar).

They are also known as mobile Battery Energy Storage Systems.

They typically comprise of a mobile platform like a trailer with solar or wind generation and a battery. Batteries could alternately be palletized and moved with a pallet jack and rapid set-up solar or wind.

Example Project Concepts:

- Placement at a community resilience hub that can be used for community events when there is no emergency demand.
- Power for emergency response tents utilized for emergency management incident command center or triage.
- Located at wastewater treatment facilities to offset peak demand and then added to the state homeland security and emergency management resource database for deployment during emergencies.
- Peak demand shaving at electric transit bus facilities, deployable during emergencies in partnership with the county emergency management agency.
- Smaller setups have been funded to support device charging and medical equipment during power outages.

Ineligible Activities

- Projects that do not have an energy component
- Ground disturbing activities
- Development or purchase of products that are not commercially available
- Purchase of generation or storage units above limits
 - Battery Energy Storage System - not to exceed 1,000kWh capacity
 - Solar PV—appropriately sized system or unit not to exceed 60 kW.
 - Wind Turbine—20 kW or smaller.
- Projects that create mobile or point-source emissions
- Any other projects not allowed by 10 CFR 420

Application Requirements

Each applicant must clearly show how the proposed project will increase

- readiness,
- safety, and
- recovery efforts

through a combination of training and equipment purchase.

Applicants must answer questions about the following topics:

- Community impact and engagement
- Innovative activities
- Alignment with program
- Goals and method of measuring success
- Metrics including one federal metric included in the Reporting section of the Policies and Procedures document.
- Secured local match and type of match (in-kind, cash)
- Signed letters of support from all mentioned entities

Applicants must report on at least one of the following metrics:

1. Training sessions completed (#)
2. Workshops and tabletop exercises, training, and education sessions held (#)
3. People attending workshops, training, and education sessions (#)
4. People trained (#)
5. Solar PV electric systems and batteries installed (#)
6. Total power capacity of battery systems installed (kW)
7. Total energy capacity of battery systems installed (kWh)
8. Total capacity of solar PV electric systems installed (kW)

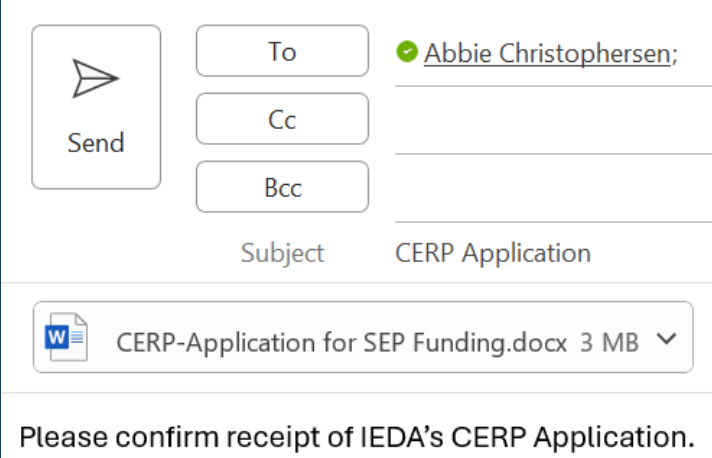
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October 1 – December 31	January 15
January 1 – March 31	April 15
April 1 – June 30	July 15
July 1 – September 30	October 15

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HOW TO APPLY

Submit application documents by 11:59 PM on the due date via email to Abbie.Christophersen@iowaeda.com.

Example:



The screenshot shows an email composition interface. On the left is a 'Send' button with a paper plane icon. To its right are three buttons: 'To', 'Cc', and 'Bcc'. The 'To' field contains 'Abbie Christophersen;' with a green checkmark icon to its left. Below these buttons is a 'Subject' field containing 'CERP Application'. Under the subject field is an attachment bar showing a Word document icon, the text 'CERP-Application for SEP Funding.docx 3 MB', and a dropdown arrow. At the bottom of the window, a text box contains the message: 'Please confirm receipt of IEDA's CERP Application.'

Formatting suggestions:

- Subject: “CERP Application” or “Community Energy Resilience Program Application”
- You may request a confirmation of receipt. Confirmation responses will be limited to business hours.
- Please consolidate email attachments to no greater than three documents. If attachments are too large, you may send multiple emails labeled with consecutive numbers (1/3, 2/3, 3/3)

Application Process

- The application will be available on the IEDA program webpage.
- Applicants may ask questions until noon the day before the deadline.
- Applicants will have until the deadline to complete and submit the application to the program manager.
- IEDA may request clarifying information during its review
- Applications will be screened for eligibility (Application Screening Criteria)
- All eligible applications will be scored
- Applicants will be notified of selection or denial
- Contracts will be sent out and performance period will begin

Application Screening Criteria

- Application is complete and submitted to Program Manager
- Applicant is eligible for the program
- Funding request meets eligible project and eligible expense requirements
- Request is for at least \$10,000
- Project will be completed by 6/30/2026
- Letter of support or commitment is provided for each sub-recipient or project partner named in the application
- Applicant commits to reporting on all applicable metrics
- Applicant demonstrates compliance with 2 CFR 200

Application Scoring Sheet

Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 40 out of 50 to be considered for award.

Criteria	Evaluation Criteria	Points
Project Outcomes	What types of outcomes does the project provide? Do the benefits proposed appear to be sound and reasonable? Will the project have any long-term impacts? Will the project provide benefits to the local community?	15
Feasibility	Do the project goals appear reasonable? Are the project goals described in clear, easy to understand language? Are these goals well-aligned with the selected metrics? Does the proposal describe the timeline, project tasks and milestones of the project (in chronological order)?	10
Community Involvement	Does the proposal include letters of support or commitment from additional relevant entities? Are local stakeholders involved? What is the plan to inform the local community of the project?	10
Innovation	Does the proposal demonstrate a new or novel approach to a need or a problem? Is the project different from other projects the applicant has received funding for from the Iowa Energy Office? What distinctive features does the project offer?	5
Program Alignment	Does the project support the objectives of the program?	5
Cost Share	Is cost share proposed? What percentage of project cost share is proposed? How much is cash vs in-kind?	5
Total		50



Claims

- Submitted through IowaGrants.gov
- Frequency of once per 30-90 days
- Reimbursement grant only
- Awardees are responsible for demonstrating project progress via quarterly reports to ensure timely claim processing
- Final claim will be paid once all project requirements are met including any overdue or final reporting
- Claims processing takes 30-90 days

Quarterly Reports

- Submitted via IowaGrants.gov
- Narrative of achievements, problems, and plans for next quarter
- Amount claimed in the quarter
- Progress on metrics, deliverables, work products
- Reports will be accepted or returned for further details

Additional monitoring may include:

- Site visits
- Photographs
- Proof of compliance with federal requirements

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Questions?



THANK YOU

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