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Refer to: ESRP Program FY21 Solicitation, PEJC-6 in your reply

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), is pleased to announce the kickoff of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 funding cycle for the Energy Smart Reserved Power (ESRP) program. BPA offers this funding opportunity to help offset the cost of installing electrical energy efficiency projects that will result in the reduction of regional power loads. Since your site uses reserved power or station service from the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), you are eligible to participate in this program.

The program is open to all reserved power- and station-service sites within the BPA service territory, including eligible irrigation districts, hydroelectric and electric service facilities, and Bonneville and Dworshak Fish Hatcheries. The FY21 available funding is capped at \$500,000 for each individual project. However, large energy-saving projects are permitted to be structured into phases and/or multiple, standalone projects.

Applications may be submitted for any project that will result in reduced use of reserved power or station-service electric energy and meets the requirements outlined in the application form. For instance, LED Lighting, HVAC improvements, Variable Frequency Drives (VFD), New Pumps, Water saving projects such as canal lining and piping may qualify. All applications that meet BPA's eligibility criteria will be evaluated and ranked based on total incentive requested, cost effectiveness and timely submissions. Incentive rate (\$ requested/kWh saved/year), annual kWh savings, project cost and water savings.

Key Project Evaluation Criteria *(See application attachments for project criteria details):*

- The ESRP program application process is competitive: Lower costs per kWh savings will receive higher rankings.
- The maximum funding rate is based on measure life and is capped—depending on measure life—at \$0.35/kWh.
- Applicants may pursue additional funding sources from other agencies and programs. The funding that BPA can provide plus funding from other sources must not exceed 100 percent of the project cost.
- Projects must be completely installed before September 30, 2021. Multiyear projects will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applications submitted early may be reviewed and approved as early as mid-august.

Please find attached a copy of the ESRP Program incentive application form. An electronic PDF version of the form is also available online in the Resources section of the ESRP Program webpage at:

<https://www.bpa.gov/EE/Sectors/federal/Pages/Energy-Smart-Reserved-Power.aspx>.

ESRP Program Fiscal Year 2021 Funding Cycle Timeline:

- **May 20, 2020:** Incentive applications solicited.
- **September 2, 2020:** Incentive applications due to BPA.
- **September 16, 2020:** Successful applicants notified.
- **September/October 2020:** Agreements developed and signed.
- **September 30, 2021:** Projects must be completed.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications before the deadline for FY21.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, feel free to e-mail me at mrlopez@bpa.gov or call me at the number provided below.

We look forward to the working with you.

Sincerely,



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