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Farm Bill Legislative Side-By-Side

RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (REAP)

Program Description

The USDA Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to install renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy-efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.

Climate Highlights

REAP helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses access renewable-energy and energy-efficiency upgrades, both of which help mitigate climate change. Eligible renewable energy systems include biomass, geothermal, hydropower, hydrogen, wind, solar, and ocean energy. Energy-efficiency improvements include upgrading insulation, lighting, refrigeration units, doors, and windows as well as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; installing electric, solar, or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots; switching from diesel to electric irrigation motors; and replacing energy-inefficient equipment.

Legislative Side-By-Side

The following Side-By-Side compares the House and Senate versions of the Farm Bill's Rural Energy for America Program with current law. Underlined text indicates suggested additions to current law. ~~Struck text~~ indicates suggested deletions to current law. "No change" indicates that the entire section was left unaltered.

Current Law 7 USC §8107 (October 2022)	**House Version** House engrossed text pages 728 – 733 (March 2026)	**Senate Version** Senate Agricultural Committee amended text pages 754 – 762 (September 2026)
(a) Establishment The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall establish a Rural Energy for America Program to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development for agricultural producers and rural small businesses through— (1) grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance; and (2) financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems.	**(a) Establishment** The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall establish a Rural Energy for America Program (referred to in this section as the “Program”) to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development for agricultural producers and rural small businesses through— (1) grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance; and (2) financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems.	No change
(b) Energy audits and renewable energy development assistance **(1) In general** The Secretary shall make competitive grants to eligible entities to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses— (A) to become more energy efficient; and (B) to use renewable energy technologies and resources. **(2) Eligible entities** An eligible entity under this subsection is— (A) a unit of State, tribal, or local government; (B) a land-grant college or university or other institution of higher education; (C) a rural electric cooperative or public power entity; (D) a council (as defined in section 3451 of title 16); and (E) any other similar entity, as determined by the Secretary. **(3) Selection criteria** In reviewing applications of eligible entities to receive grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider— (A) the ability and expertise of the eligible entity in providing professional energy audits and renewable energy assessments; (B) the geographic scope of the program proposed by the eligible entity in relation to the identified need;	**(b) Energy audits and renewable energy development assistance** **(1) In general** The Secretary shall make competitive grants to eligible entities to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses— (A) to become more energy efficient; and (B) to use renewable energy technologies and resources. **(2) Eligible entities** An eligible entity under this subsection is— (A) a unit of State, tribal, or local government; (B) a land-grant college or university or other institution of higher education; (C) a rural electric cooperative or public power entity; (D) a council (as defined in section 3451 of title 16); and (E) any other similar entity, as determined by the Secretary. **(3) Selection criteria** In reviewing applications of eligible entities to receive grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider— (A) the ability and expertise of the eligible entity in providing professional energy audits and renewable energy assessments; (B) the geographic scope of the program proposed by the eligible entity in relation to the identified need;	**(b) ~~Energy audits and renewable energy development assistance~~ Project** **(1) In general** The Secretary shall make competitive grants to eligible entities to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses— (A) provide assistance and (B) technical assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to apply for financial assistance under subsection (c). ~~(A)~~ (i) to become more energy efficient; and ~~(B)~~ (ii) to use renewable energy technologies and resources. **(2) Eligible entities** An eligible entity under this subsection is— (A) a unit of State, tribal, or local government; (B) a land-grant college or university or other institution of higher education; (C) a rural electric cooperative or public power entity; (D) a council (as defined in section 3451 of title 16); ~~and~~ (E) an agricultural producer cooperative ~~(E)~~(F) any other similar entity, as determined by the Secretary. **(3) Selection criteria** In reviewing applications of eligible entities to receive grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider— (A) the ability and expertise of the eligible entity in providing professional energy ~~audits~~ audits, relevant technical assistance and renewable energy assessments; (B) the geographic scope of the program proposed by the eligible entity in relation to the identified need;

(C) the number of agricultural producers and rural small businesses to be assisted by the program; (D) the potential of the proposed program to produce energy savings and environmental benefits; (E) the plan of the eligible entity for performing outreach and providing information and assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses on the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy development; and (F) the ability of the eligible entity to leverage other sources of funding. **(4) Use of grant funds** A recipient of a grant under paragraph (1) shall use the grant funds to assist agricultural producers and rural small businesses by— (A) conducting and promoting energy audits; and (B) providing recommendations and information on how— (i) to improve the energy efficiency of the operations of the agricultural producers and rural small businesses; and (ii) to use renewable energy technologies and resources in the operations. **(5) Limitation** Grant recipients may not use more than 5 percent of a grant for administrative expenses. **(6) Cost sharing** A recipient of a grant under paragraph (1) that conducts an energy audit for an agricultural producer or rural small business under paragraph (4) shall require that, as a condition of the energy audit, the agricultural producer or rural small business pay at least 25 percent of the cost of the energy audit, which shall be retained by the eligible entity for the cost of the energy audit.	(C) the number of agricultural producers and rural small businesses to be assisted by the program; (D) the potential of the proposed program to produce energy savings, cost savings, and environmental benefits; (E) the plan of the eligible entity for performing outreach and providing information and assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses on the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy development;~~ and~~ (F) the ability of the eligible entity to leverage other sources of funding~~.~~; and (G) the potential of the proposed program to meaningfully improve the financial conditions of the agricultural producers or rural small businesses. **(4) Use of grant funds** A recipient of a grant under paragraph (1) shall use the grant funds to assist agricultural producers and rural small businesses by— (A) conducting and promoting energy audits; and (B) providing recommendations and information on how— (i) to improve the energy efficiency of the operations of the agricultural producers and rural small businesses; and (ii) to use renewable energy technologies and resources in the operations. **(5) Limitation** Grant recipients may not use more than 5 percent of a grant for administrative expenses. **(6) Cost sharing** A recipient of a grant under paragraph (1) that conducts an energy audit for an agricultural producer or rural small business under paragraph (4) shall require that, as a condition of the energy audit, the agricultural producer or rural small business pay at least 25 percent of the cost of the energy audit, which shall be retained by the eligible entity for the cost of the energy audit.	(C) the number of agricultural producers and rural small businesses to be assisted by the program; (D) the potential improvements to the financial conditions of those agricultural producers and rural small businesses; ~~(D)~~(E) the potential of the proposed program to produce energy savings and environmental benefits; ~~(E)~~(F) the plan of the eligible entity for performing outreach and providing information and assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses on the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy development; and ~~(F)~~(G) the ability of the eligible entity to leverage other sources of funding. **(4) Use of grant funds** A recipient of a grant under paragraph (1) shall use the grant ~~funds to assist~~ agricultural producers and rural small businesses by— (A) to assist ~~(A)~~(i) conducting and promoting energy audits; and ~~(B)~~(ii) providing recommendations and information on how— ~~(i)~~(I) to improve the energy efficiency of the operations of the agricultural producers and rural small businesses; ~~and~~ ~~(ii)~~(II) to use renewable energy technologies and resources in the operations~~.~~ and (III) to apply for assistance under subsection (c) and; (B) to provide training for individuals to perform the activities described in subparagraph (A). **(5) Limitation** Grant recipients may not use more than 5 percent of a grant for administrative expenses. **(6) Cost sharing** A recipient of a grant under paragraph (1) that conducts an energy audit for an agricultural producer or rural small business under paragraph (4) shall require that, as a condition of the energy audit, the agricultural producer or rural small business pay at least 25 percent of the cost of the energy audit, which shall be retained by the eligible entity for the cost of the energy audit.
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In addition to any similar authority, the Secretary shall provide— (i) loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses— (I) to purchase renewable energy systems, including systems that may be used to produce and sell electricity; and (II) to make energy efficiency improvements; and (ii) loan guarantees to agricultural producers to purchase and install energy efficient equipment or systems for agricultural production or processing that exceed— (I) energy efficiency building codes, if applicable; (II) Federal or State energy efficiency standards, if applicable; and (III) other energy efficiency standards determined appropriate by the Secretary. **(B) Limitations** With respect to loan guarantees under subparagraph (A)(ii)— (i) if no codes or standards described in such subparagraph apply to the energy efficient equipment or system to be purchased or installed pursuant to such subparagraph, the Secretary shall require, to the maximum extent practicable, such equipment or system to meet the same efficiency measurements as the most efficient available equipment or system in the market; and (ii) the Secretary shall not provide such a loan guarantee for the purchase or installation of any energy efficient equipment or system unless more than one type of such equipment or system is available in the market. **(2) Award considerations** In determining the amount of a loan guarantee or grant provided under this section, the Secretary shall take into consideration, as applicable— (A) the type of renewable energy system to be purchased; (B) the estimated quantity of energy to be generated by the renewable energy system; (C) the expected environmental benefits of the renewable energy system; (D) the quantity of energy savings expected to be derived from the activity, as demonstrated by an energy audit; (E) the estimated period of time for the energy savings generated by the activity to equal the cost of the activity; (F) the expected energy efficiency of the renewable energy system; and (G) other appropriate factors.	In addition to any similar authority, the Secretary shall provide— (i) loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers, agricultural cooperatives with less than 2,500 employees, and rural small businesses— (I) to purchase renewable energy systems, including systems that may be used to produce and sell electricity; and (II) to make energy efficiency improvements; and (ii) loan guarantees to agricultural producers to purchase and install energy efficient equipment or systems for agricultural production or processing that exceed— (I) energy efficiency building codes, if applicable; (II) Federal or State energy efficiency standards, if applicable; and (III) other energy efficiency standards determined appropriate by the Secretary. **(B) Limitations** With respect to loan guarantees under subparagraph (A)(ii)— (i) if no codes or standards described in such subparagraph apply to the energy efficient equipment or system to be purchased or installed pursuant to such subparagraph, the Secretary shall require, to the maximum extent practicable, such equipment or system to meet the same efficiency measurements as the most efficient available equipment or system in the market; and (ii) the Secretary shall not provide such a loan guarantee for the purchase or installation of any energy efficient equipment or system unless more than one type of such equipment or system is available in the market. **(2) Award considerations** In determining the amount of a loan guarantee or grant provided under this section, the Secretary shall take into consideration, as applicable— (A) the type of renewable energy system to be purchased; (B) the estimated quantity of energy to be generated by the renewable energy system; (C) the expected environmental benefits of the renewable energy system; (D) the quantity of energy savings expected to be derived from the activity, as demonstrated by an energy audit; (E) the estimated period of time for the energy savings generated by the activity to equal the cost of the activity; (F) the expected energy efficiency of the renewable energy system; ~~and~~	In addition to any similar authority, the Secretary shall provide— (i) loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses— (I) to purchase renewable energy systems, including systems that may be used to produce and sell electricity; and (II) to make energy efficiency improvements; and (ii) loan guarantees to agricultural producers to purchase and install energy efficient equipment or systems for agricultural production or processing that exceed— (I) energy efficiency building codes, if applicable; (II) Federal or State energy efficiency standards, if applicable; and (III) other energy efficiency standards determined appropriate by the Secretary. **(B) Limitations** With respect to loan guarantees under subparagraph (A)(ii)— (i) if no codes or standards described in such subparagraph apply to the energy efficient equipment or system to be purchased or installed pursuant to such subparagraph, the Secretary shall require, to the maximum extent practicable, such equipment or system to meet the same efficiency measurements as the most efficient available equipment or system in the market; and (ii) the Secretary shall not provide such a loan guarantee for the purchase or installation of any energy efficient equipment or system unless more than one type of such equipment or system is available in the market. **(2) Award considerations** In determining the amount of a loan guarantee or grant provided under this section, the Secretary shall take into consideration, as applicable— (A) the type of renewable energy system to be purchased; (B) the estimated quantity of energy to be generated by the renewable energy system; (C) the expected environmental benefits of the renewable energy system; (D) the quantity of energy savings expected to be derived from the activity, as demonstrated by an energy audit; (E) the estimated period of time for the energy savings generated by the activity to equal the cost of the activity; (F) the expected energy efficiency of the renewable energy system; ~~and~~

(3) Limits **(A) Grants** The amount of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the activity carried out using funds from the grant. **(B) Maximum amount of loan guarantees** The amount of a loan guaranteed under this subsection shall not exceed $25,000,000. **(C) Maximum amount of combined grant and loan guarantee** The combined amount of a grant and loan guaranteed under this subsection shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of the activity funded under this subsection. **(D) Loan guarantees for energy efficient equipment to agricultural producers** Using funds made available under paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (f), in each fiscal year the Secretary may use for loan guarantees under paragraph (1)(A)(ii) an amount that does not exceed 15 percent of such funds. **(4) Tiered application process** **(A) In general** In providing loan guarantees and grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall use a 3-tiered application process that reflects the size of proposed projects in accordance with this paragraph. **(B) Tier 1** The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is not more than $80,000. **(C) Tier 2** The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is greater than $80,000 but less than $200,000. **(D) Tier 3** The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is equal to or greater than $200,000. **(E) Application process** The Secretary shall establish an application, evaluation, and oversight process that is the most simplified for tier I projects and more comprehensive for each subsequent tier.	(G) the potential improvements to the financial conditions of the agricultural producer or rural small business; and ~~(G)~~(H) other appropriate factors. **(3) Limits** **(A) Grants** The amount of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the activity carried out using funds from the grant. **(B) Maximum amount of loan guarantees** The amount of a loan guaranteed under this subsection shall not exceed ~~$25,000,000~~$50,000,000. **(C) Maximum amount of combined grant and loan guarantee** The combined amount of a grant and loan guaranteed under this subsection shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of the activity funded under this subsection. **(D) Loan guarantees for energy efficient equipment to agricultural producers** Using funds made available under paragraphs (1) and (3) of ~~subsection (f)~~ subsection (g) in each fiscal year the Secretary may use for loan guarantees under paragraph (1)(A)(ii) an amount that does not exceed 15 percent of such funds. **(4) Tiered application process** **(A) In general** In providing loan guarantees and grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall use a 3-tiered application process that reflects the size of proposed projects in accordance with this paragraph. **(B) Tier 1** The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is not more than $80,000. **(C) Tier 2** The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is greater than $80,000 but less than $200,000. **(D) Tier 3** The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is equal to or greater than $200,000. **(E) Application process** The Secretary shall establish an application, evaluation, and oversight process that is the most simplified for tier I projects and more comprehensive for each subsequent tier.	(G) the potential improvements to the financial conditions of the agricultural producer or rural small business receiving the loan guarantee or grant; and ~~(G)~~(H) other appropriate factors. **(3) Limits** **(A) Grants** The amount of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the activity carried out using funds from the grant. **(B) Maximum amount of loan guarantees** The amount of a loan guaranteed under this subsection shall not exceed ~~$25,000,000.~~ $50,000,000 **(C) Maximum amount of combined grant and loan guarantee** The combined amount of a grant and loan guaranteed under this subsection shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of the activity funded under this subsection. **(D) Loan guarantees for energy efficient equipment to agricultural producers** Using funds made available under paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (f), in each fiscal year the Secretary may use for loan guarantees under paragraph (1)(A)(ii) an amount that does not exceed 15 percent of such funds. ~~**(4) Tiered application process**~~ ~~**(A) In general**~~ ~~In providing loan guarantees and grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall use a 3-tiered application process that reflects the size of proposed projects in accordance with this paragraph.~~ ~~**(B) Tier 1**~~ ~~The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is not more than $80,000.~~ ~~**(C) Tier 2**~~ ~~The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is greater than $80,000 but less than $200,000.~~ ~~**(D) Tier 3**~~ ~~The Secretary shall establish a separate application process for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is equal to or greater than $200,000.~~ ~~**(E) Application process**~~ ~~The Secretary shall establish an application, evaluation, and oversight process that is the most simplified for tier I projects and more comprehensive for each subsequent tier.~~ **(4) Application process**

		For projects carried out using assistance under this subsection, the Secretary shall establish an application, evaluation, and oversight process that is— (A) the most simplified for projects for which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is less than $50,000; and (B) more comprehensive for projects which the cost of the activity funded under this subsection is more than $50,000.
	(d) Streamlined application process The Secretary shall develop a streamlined application process, including within each tier described in subsection (c)(4), under which an entity may apply for a grant under subsection (b), financial assistance under subsection (c), or a bundled application for a project with components eligible under clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (c)(1)(A).	No change
(d) Outreach The Secretary shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that adequate outreach relating to this section is being conducted at the State and local levels.	**~~(d)~~(e) ~~Outreach~~ Outreach, technical assistance, and education** The Secretary shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, ~~that adequate~~ that— (1) adequate outreach relating to this section is being conducted at the State and local levels~~.~~; (2) technical assistance is provided to entities seeking to apply for a grant or financial assistance under the Program; and (3) outreach, technical assistance, and education is provided to recipients of grants and other financial assistance under the Program relating to integrating renewable energy projects on land shared with crops or livestock.	
(e) Lower-cost activities **(1) Limitation on use of funds** Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall use not less than 20 percent of the funds made available under subsection (f) to provide grants of $20,000 or less. **(2) Exception** Effective beginning on June 30 of each fiscal year, paragraph (1) shall not apply to funds made available under subsection (f) for the fiscal year.	**~~(e)~~(f) Lower-cost activities** **(1) Limitation on use of funds** Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall use not less than 20 percent of the funds made available under ~~subsection (f)~~ subsection (g) to provide grants of $20,000 or less. **(2) Exception** Effective beginning on June 30 of each fiscal year, paragraph (1) shall not apply to funds made available under ~~subsection (f)~~ subsection (g) for the fiscal year.	**(e) Lower-cost activities** **(1) Limitation on use of funds** Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall use not less than ~~20~~ 25 percent of the funds made available under subsection (f) to provide grants of ~~$20,000~~ $50,000 or less. **(2) Exception** Effective beginning on June 30 of each fiscal year, paragraph (1) shall not apply to funds made available under subsection (f) for the fiscal year. **(3) Rebate pilot project** (A) Definitions In this paragraph: (i) Covered rebate

		The term 'covered rebate' means a rebate provided by the Secretary to an eligible entity for the purchase of a certain energy efficient equipment described in subsection (c)(1)(A), to be determined by the Secretary, that was made by an eligible entity— (I) as part of a project completed in the 12-month period preceding the provision of the rebate; and (II) to meet the immediate needs of the eligible entity, which were not anticipated while the application period for assistance under subsection (c) was open but would otherwise meet the requirements for projects eligible for assistance under that subsection. (ii) Eligible entity The term 'eligible entity' means any entity eligible to receive financial assistance undersection (c). (iii) Pilot project The term 'pilot project' means the pilot project established under subparagraph (B) (B) Establishment Using not more than 2 percent of the funds made available to carry out subsection (c) for each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028, the Secretary shall carry out a pilot project under which the Secretary shall— (i) award covered rebates to eligible entities; and (ii) test and evaluate a simplified application process for eligible entities to apply for those covered rebates. (C) Notification prior to commencement No later than 30 days before the commencement of the pilot project, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives a notification containing— (i) the commencement date of the pilot project; (ii) a detailed description of the pilot project; (iii) a copy of the simplified application to be used under the pilot project; and (iv) a list of the equipment for which covered rebates will be provided under the pilot project. (D) Report No later than June 30, 2027, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and make publicly available, a report on the pilot project, which shall include— (i) the total number of each type of equipment for which an application for a covered rebate was

		submitted, and the total number of each type of equipment for which a covered rebate was provided; (ii) the extent to which applications for covered rebates exceeded the availability of funding, if applicable. (E) Procedures The administration of this paragraph shall be— (i) made without regard to chapter 35 of the title 44, United States Code; and (ii) carried out by the Secretary using the authority under section 808 of title 5, United States Code.
(f) Funding **(1) Mandatory funding** Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section, to remain available until expended— (A) $55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; (B) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; (C) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; (D) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and (E) $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter. **(2) Audit and technical assistance funding** **(A) In general** Subject to subparagraph (B), of the funds made available for each fiscal year under paragraph (1), 4 percent shall be available to carry out subsection (b). **(B) Other use** Funds not obligated under subparagraph (A) by April 1 of each fiscal year to carry out subsection (b) shall become available to carry out subsection (c). **(3) Discretionary funding** In addition to any other funds made available to carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.	**~~(f)~~(g) Funding** **(1) Mandatory funding** Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section, to remain available until expended— (A) $55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; (B) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; (C) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; (D) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and (E) $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter. **(2) Audit and technical assistance funding** **(A) In general** Subject to subparagraph (B), of the funds made available for each fiscal year under paragraph (1), 4 percent shall be available to carry out subsection (b). **(B) Other use** Funds not obligated under subparagraph (A) by April 1 of each fiscal year to carry out subsection (b) shall become available to carry out subsection (c). **(3) Discretionary funding** In addition to any other funds made available to carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through ~~2023~~2031. **(4) Reserve fund** **(A) In general** Of the funds obligated under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year, not less than 10 percent shall be deposited in a reserve fund in the Treasury and reserved for use in accordance with this subparagraph.	**f) Funding** **(1) Mandatory funding** Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section, to remain available until expended— (A) $55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; (B) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; (C) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; (D) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and (E) $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter. **(2) Audit and technical assistance funding** **(A) In general** Subject to subparagraph (B), of the funds made available for each fiscal year ~~under paragraph (1), 4 percent~~ this subsection, 5 percent shall be available to carry out subsection (b). **(B) Other use** Funds not obligated under subparagraph (A) by April 1 of each fiscal year to carry out subsection (b) shall become available to carry out subsection (c). **(3) Discretionary funding** In addition to any other funds made available to carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through ~~2023~~ 2031. **(4) Reservation of funds** Of the funds made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the secretary may reserve— (A) not more than 10 percent for awarding grants under subsection (c). (B) not more than 5 percent to carry out subsection (d).

	(B) Use of funds **(i) In general** The Secretary shall use amounts reserved under subparagraph (A) to provide grants to support projects using underutilized renewable energy technologies. **(ii) Costs** The amount of the grant for such a project shall not exceed 25 percent of the installation or maintenance costs of the project for the year in which the grant is awarded. **(C) Frequency of solicitations to fund** The Secretary shall carry out at least 2 solicitations for applications for grants from the reserve fund in each fiscal year. **(D) Reallocation** Any funds reserved under subparagraph (A) that remain unobligated 1 year after the end of the fiscal year in which made available under subparagraph (A) shall be reallocated to carry out the program established under this section. **(E) Definition of underutilized renewable energy technologies** The term "underutilized renewable energy technologies" means renewable energy technologies for which have been expended not more than 20 percent of the average of the total amounts made available under this section for the 5 fiscal years most recently ending before the date of the enactment of this paragraph.	
	~~(g)~~ (h) Project diversity In approving grant or loan guarantee applications under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that, to the extent practicable, there is diversity in the types of projects approved for grants or loan guarantees to ensure that as wide a range as possible of technologies, products, and approaches are assisted.	

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