

## **FY 2024 BIL 40101 (d) South Carolina Resilience Grant – Information Session and RFP Review**

### **Questions and Answers**

#### **Question**

I am trying to finish up our Grant Proposal and I have a couple of questions. We are proposing a grant to change out poles to harden our grid. While doing form 4 there is a construction tab, and I am unsure about what I should put there. It seems that the entire grant proposal is construction therefore if I put that cost there it would double the cost of the grant. Could you please provide some guidance?

#### **Answer**

Construction conducted by the award receipt (your entity) is entered on the this the Construction tab. Any construction work that is performed by a vendor or subreceipt (anyone other than your entity) should be entered under f. Contractual.

#### **Question**

While filling out our Grant filing forms I ran in to an issue with form 3 – Environmental Question 6 (Pic Below), when I click the link to try and get the information to fill out this section the website says it doesn't exist. Please advise on how to proceed or where Santee Cooper would like for me to look into. Thank you!!

#### **Answer**

I apologize for the inconvenience. Please try the link below.

[AMTIC - Ambient Air Monitoring Assessments | US EPA](#)

#### **Question**

We noticed that for the GRG Form 1 there is not a lot of space allowed. Is there a certain number of characters on Form 1 section 2 or words allotted for the section for the technical and community benefits narrative? Or if we expound can we just add another appendix? Please advise

#### **Answer**

There are no character limitations for Form 1 Section 2. The box will not get larger, but the text will scroll up.

#### **Question**

Are there file size limitations for the submittal? If there are, can it be zipped/compressed?

#### **Answer**

There are no file size limitations. The file can be zipped/compressed.

#### **Question**

Are there file format requirements for the documents or drawings (.pdf, word, etc...)?

#### **Answer**

All documents should be submitted as PDFs.

#### **Question**

What is the deadline time on the 27<sup>th</sup>?

#### **Answer**

The deadline is 5:00pm EST September 27, 2024.

**Question**

If there is an issue or question (from ya'll) with the forms submitted, do we have the opportunity to respond/correct before rejection?

**Answer**

Yes. Santee Cooper will conduct a quick review to ensure that all the required forms have been submitted and email the applicant if anything is missing. A third-party reviewer will evaluate and score the applications. If they require addition information, Santee Cooper will notify the applicant by email.

**Question**

Are there naming conventions for the files?

**Answer**

No. You can put the name of your entity before the title of each form.

**Question**

How detailed does the map of the project area need to be.

**Answer**

The reviewer should be able to discern from the map the exact area where the work will take place.

**Question**

Cost Match is on the federal share not total. Actually becomes 25% match when done for total.

**Answer**

That is correct.

**Question**

Do we need to reference Santee Cooper share in the budget?

**Answer**

No.

**Question**

What happens if the form SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities is inapplicable? Do we have to put N/A on the form?

**Answer**

If form SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities is not applicable, complete the form and put N/A in the appropriate boxes.

**Question**

With only \$5million available, will the number of projects awarded be limited, i.e. only the top 200 projects will be awarded funds?

**Answer**

Santee Cooper anticipates that there could be a greater number of requests for funding than could be funded under the allocation. Should the overall number of requests exceed the available funds for Year Three, Santee Cooper will evaluate each proposal based on the metrics discussed in sections 2. Program

Objects and 3: Community Benefits of the RFP.

**Question**

We are preparing an application for the next round and would like to know how much funding is available to municipalities? Is there a cap on the amount that can be requested, or a recommended range?

**Answer**

The available funding for FY24 is \$6,276,979. The only federal mandated set aside is for small utilities (eligible entities that sell not more than 4,000,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year) which for South Carolina would be no less than 30% of the available funding. There is no cap on the amount that can be requested or a recommended range.

**Question**

I am utilizing the <https://energyjustice.egs.anl.gov/> to determine the areas in Clinton that are disadvantaged communities and I get mixed reports when switching from the DOE layer to CEJST layer on this site. The DOE layer is displaying the are we want to target our work in as not disadvantaged but the CJEST layer states that the area is disadvantaged. Just wondering which layers to use for our mapping?

**Answer**

Neither the Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) nor the Request for Proposals (RFP) state which source must be used to support the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) designation. Cite you source in the narrative.

**Question**

For projects greater than \$500k do we submit the annual performance reports to Santee Cooper or directly to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Project Management?

**Answer**

All reports completed by the subrecipient must be sent to Santee Cooper.

**Question**

The guidance slides state we must fill out the Form 3 in its entirety but how do we know what the Solicitation/Project number is?

**Answer**

The solicitation is Grid Resilience Grant BIL 40101 (d).

**Question**

What if we do not maintain 5 years of historical reliability data? Are we penalized for this? (We can provide the best data/information that we have.)

**Answer**

**Question**

If the intended reliability metric improvements over the measurement period are not achieved are there funding clawbacks?

**Answer**

No.

**Question**

If we are selected for a Self Healing team project that has electronic reclosers but none available comply with the Buy America Act, how are we able to move forward?

**Answer**

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and DOE may grant, a project-specific waiver from the Buy America Requirement. More information about the Act and the requirements can be found on the [Build America, Buy America](#) webpage.

**Question**

If our project is selected to move forward how long are quarterly and Annual reports required to be filed? Is it a year after completion? Five years after completion etc.

**Answer**

Project Management Plan/Quarterly Progress Report and Annual reports are required until the grant period of performance (4/30/2032) ends.

**Question**

Must the project be completed within a calendar year or do we have additional time for completion? (Material Lead times are still somewhat of an issue for some items)

**Answer**

The project must be completed before the end of the grant period of performance (4/30/2032).