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USDA Will Pause Accepting Applications under the Rural Energy for America Program

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2025 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Deputy Under Secretary Todd Lindsay today announced that USDA will delay opening of the first grant application window for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). The first window opens on July 1, 2025, and closes on Sept. 30, 2025. All REAP grant applications regardless of funding source will not be accepted during this time. This decision was made due to the overwhelming response and continued popularity of the program resulting in a backlog of applicants. This decision will allow USDA time to dedicate the necessary resources and attention to the backlog of applications.

USDA anticipates accepting both REAP Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Farm Bill applications again starting on Oct. 1, 2025, for Fiscal Year 2026 funding.

USDA appreciates your continued support and interest in the Rural Energy for America Program.

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