

Powering Affordable Reliable Technology (PART)

What does this program do?

The Powering Affordable Reliable Technology (PART) Program supports affordable energy growth across America by providing loans for projects that generate or store electricity from a renewable energy resource. Part of the loan may also qualify for loan forgiveness.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- **Certified electric utilities**
- **Distribution, generation and transmission electric cooperatives**
- **Federally-recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations**
- **For-profit organizations**
- **Nonprofit organizations**
- **State or local governments**



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What is an eligible area?

Electricity produced or stored by the project may serve both rural and nonrural residents. However, at least 50 percent of the service area must be rural. Applicants can choose how to calculate the rural percentage:

- Compare rural population to total population
- Compare rural electric meters to total meters

Certain exceptions may be made if the area has high energy burdens, serious economic needs or there are major added benefits for rural customers.

How can funds be used?

Funding can be used to:

- Build new renewable energy systems or energy storage systems that will sell power through a secure agreement and do not violate existing wholesale power contracts
- Build new power lines, microgrids, transformers, and other equipment
- Upgrade existing power lines, equipment, transformers, and distribution and transmission facilities
- Cover interconnection expenses and other costs to deliver electricity, including microgrid-related costs
- Recover pre-application expenses

What are some of the loan terms?

- The length of the loan cannot exceed 35 years.
- Loans may cover up to 100% of projects costs.
- Any loan forgiveness happens only after the project is finished.
- The loan must be secured and backed by the project's assets and revenue generated from the assets.

Who can answer questions?

Email questions to:
SM.RD.RUS.PART-Questions@usda.gov

Is there a deadline to apply?

Visit the program webpage at tinyurl.com/RUS-PART for application deadlines and more information.

What governs this program?

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Section 22001 (tinyurl.com/InflationReductAct - PDF)

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, Section 317 (tinyurl.com/REA1936)

7 CFR parts 1700-1730, 1767, 1773, 1787, and 7 CFR part 1b (www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B)

NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local USDA Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: tinyurl.com/RDStateOffices. You will find additional RD program resources at rd.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender

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