

Fall 2025 Grant Application

American Public Power Association's DEED Program Grants & Scholarships

Grant Application Collaborators

The Collaborator feature (on the top right corner of your screen) may be used to invite a colleague or partner to view, and/or edit, and/or submit this grant application, depending on the level of access you assign to them. To learn more access a written tutorial and a video tutorial.

Basic Project Information

Utility Name*

Character Limit: 250

Project Title*

Please keep title concise.

Character Limit: 100

Project Category*

Please choose the 3 keywords that best describe your proposed project. The first drop down menu will offer broad categories. The second will get slightly more detailed, and the third drop down will be the most detailed.

Broad category descriptions: "Utility Operations" - Covers engineering and operations projects such as those related to generation, transmission, and distribution. These projects primarily focus on the delivery of electricity to the customer up to the meter)

"Customer" - Covers projects that primarily focus on a customer's usage of energy that has been delivered by the utility. It focuses on energy usage issues "on the other side of the electric meter" which might include small distributed generation.

If nothing fits your proposed project, please use your own keywords in the text box below labeled "Project Category - Other."

Project category - Other

If you answered "Other" above, or none of the drop down menus fit your proposed project, please offer a few other keywords to describe your proposed project.

Character Limit: 100

Project Description*

Write a detailed, technical description of your project.

Character Limit: 5000

State the problem the project is attempting to solve.*

Please include the project's objectives and goals.

Character Limit: 5000

Methodology to be used to conduct the project.*

Character Limit: 5000

Description of equipment/hardware/system to be used to complete the project.*

Please be as specific as possible. **Items listed here, that are to be purchased, should show up in the budget in this application.**

Character Limit: 5000

Anticipated relevance and transferability of project results to other public power systems.*

Please consider the availability of staff resources of publicly owned utilities, many of which serve less than 2,000 meters, and whether these utilities would benefit from the results of the project. The more likely it is that other utilities could benefit from the project you are proposing, the more likely you are to be awarded funding.

Character Limit: 5000

What deliverables will you produce as a result of this project (check all that apply)*

If your project is funded, what useful deliverables will you create to help other utilities obtain value from your project? Offering useful deliverables, in addition to the required final report and abstract, adds value to a project and improves its likelihood of being funded.

Choices

Technical report / white paper

Journal article / Academic publication

Software / digital tool

guidebook

Spreadsheet tool

Database

Training materials

PowerPoint presentation

Case studies

Outreach materials

Videos

Photos

Other (please specify below):

Other deliverables (please specify):*Character Limit: 1000***Which of the following criteria does your project meet? Please select all that apply.*****Choices**

Project is broadly applicable to public power utilities, in particular DEED members

Project costs and budget include sizeable cost-sharing contributions from one or more organizations

Deliverables include the development of analytical tools, methodologies, software/hardware, services

Project addresses challenges specific to small utilities

Project results are useful and applicable to other public power utilities

Project will benefit your utility operations and customers

Project is unique and innovative

Please provide a brief explanation for each applicable criterion selected.**Character Limit: 5000***Itemized tasks to be completed and time schedule.****Character Limit: 4000***Have you conducted a literature or product search?***

Use the DEED Project Database and your Internet searching skills to see if a project similar to your proposed project already exists. Are the results from a similar project available? If so, your project is less likely to receive funding. You will need to explain very clearly how your project is different from any similar project you found in your search.

*Character Limit: 4000***Will there be software developed as a part of your deliverables?***

If a spreadsheet or software tool will be developed from your proposal, please provide details on its availability and growth. Ideas to consider are future use, tool hosting, continued availability after project completion, technical support/debugging, or user manual creation. If you are not developing a software/spreadsheet, please write "N/A".

*Character Limit: 4000***Access DB ID #**

(For administrative use only)

*Character Limit: 100***Project Term****Proposed Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)****Character Limit: 10*

Proposed Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)*

Please select the day that all deliverables (e.g. reports, products, etc.) will be submitted to DEED.

Character Limit: 10

Scheduled Completion Date

(For Administrative Use Only)

Character Limit: 10

Project Funding

Amount of DEED Funding Requested*

DEED grants vary in size up to a maximum of \$125,000. No more than 10 percent of a DEED grant may be spent on indirect costs (F&A/overhead). It's expected a utility and its partners will support their project by at least 50% of total project costs. Support may come from a mix of in-kind contributions and cash. Collaboration with other organizations and utilities is encouraged but not required. *Grantees have frequently leveraged a DEED grant to obtain additional funding from private, local, state and/or federal grant programs.*

Character Limit: 20

Other Sources/Types of Funding*

In addition to the amount of DEED funding you requested in the prior question, provide a list of all other funds you expect for this project. This list should include both unconfirmed and confirmed contributions. Indicate if the contribution is in-kind or monetary. If there are no other contributions for this project, type "N/A" in this box. Be aware that if grantees and their collaborators are contributing less than 50% of the cost of their project, they are less likely to receive funding.

Character Limit: 1000

Total Project Budget*

The Total Project Budget = DEED Grant Funds Requested + Non-DEED Funds & In-kind Contributions From Other Project Participants. This is equivalent to the sum of the two previous questions. The total project budget and itemized total budget should be the same. Please follow this link to view example budgets.

Character Limit: 20

Itemized total budget*

Upload a PDF or Excel document OR show the itemized budget in the text box below. Itemize all equipment and estimated costs as well as labor costs broken down by hours necessary to complete the project. Budget information should be as detailed as possible. Please indicate which expenses will be covered by other participants in the project, such as in-kind labor expenses contributed by the sponsoring utility or equipment provided by a contractor. Budget

may be broken down by year if necessary. **DEED grants cannot have indirect costs exceeding 10 percent.**

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Explain where and what parts of the project DEED Funding will go towards.*

Please be as specific as possible.

Character Limit: 5000

What contingencies have been planned for any shortfalls in funding?*

Also, what impact would those shortfalls have on the scope of the project?

Character Limit: 1500

Support Documents

If you have any further documentation you would like to provide to our reviewers and Board of Directors please upload these documents here.

If you do not have access to a scanner and are unable to upload a file please use our **"Fax to File"** option located in the left hand navigation. This will allow you to fax a document to be included with your application.

File Size Limit: 7 MB

File Size Limit: 7 MB

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Approval Contact Information

Contact Details*

If approved, who should the grant contract go to at your utility? These could be the same person.

Choices

Utility Signatory (The employee who signed the signature form)

Project Manager (The employee overseeing this proposed project)

Once you hit the "Submit" button you cannot make any changes.

Project Personnel Information

Project Manager Name*

This individual will be the point of contact for DEED administrators regarding execution of the project and contract, reporting procedures and project updates, and general communications.

Character Limit: 250

Project Manager Title*

Character Limit: 250

Project Manager Phone Number*

Character Limit: 250

Project Manager E-mail Address*

Character Limit: 150

Utility Address*

Street Address

Character Limit: 250

City*

Character Limit: 100

State*

Character Limit: 2

Zip Code*

Character Limit: 100

Geographic Region*

Choices

REGION 1 (CO, NM, UT, and WY)

REGION 2 (IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI)

REGION 3 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD)

REGION 4 (AR, LA, OK, and TX)

REGION 5 (DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV)

REGION 6 (AZ, CA, and NV)

REGION 7 (AL, KY, MS, and TN)

REGION 8 (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT)

REGION 9 (AK, ID, MT, OR, and WA)

REGION 10 (US Territories or all DEED members)

At-Large (All DEED members)

How many years has your organization been an active DEED member?

Reach out to DEED@PublicPower.org if you do not know this information.

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Subcontractor Company Name

If applicable

Character Limit: 200

Subcontractor Name

Individual project manager name, If applicable

Character Limit: 150

Subcontractor Title

If applicable

Character Limit: 100

Subcontractor Phone Number

If applicable

Character Limit: 15

Subcontractor E-mail Address

If applicable

Character Limit: 200

Subcontractor Street Address

If applicable

Character Limit: 150

Subcontractor City

If applicable

Character Limit: 100

Subcontractor State

Character Limit: 2

Subcontractor Zip Code

Character Limit: 10

Other Project Personnel Name

If applicable

Character Limit: 150

Other Personnel Company Name

If applicable

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Other Project Personnel Title

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Other Project Personnel City

If applicable

Character Limit: 150

Other Project Personnel State

If applicable

Character Limit: 2

Other Project Personnel Zip Code

If applicable

Character Limit: 12

Electronic Signature

Full Name*

Character Limit: 50

Title*

Character Limit: 50

Confirmation*

By entering your signature information above and clicking "I Agree" below, you certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

You also agree that if selected, you will use the funds granted for the purpose as proposed and approved by the American Public Power Association.

Choices

I Agree

I Do Not Agree

Accessing the DEED Project Database*

By entering your signature information above and clicking "I Agree" below, you certify that you have checked the DEED Project Database and confirm that no similar project has previously been awarded and completed.

Choices

I Agree

I Do Not Agree

Contacting DEED Board of Directors*

By entering your signature information above and clicking "I Agree" below, you acknowledge that you had the ability to contact a DEED Board Member about your project. Please access current list of DEED Board Members and their regions [here](#). The board members serve as a resource, can provide feedback on a project, and answer applicant questions.

Choices

I Agree

I Do Not Agree