COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Questions & Answers

Minnesota Battery Storage Incentive Program

RFP Reference Number: COMM-STOR01-20240808

Response Date 9/23/2024, 10/04/2024, 1/21/2025

#	Question	Response	Date Responded
	SECTION I. Grant Overview		
	SECTION II. Priorities in Grantmaking		
1.	Can funds for this incentive be stacked with other federal and state incentives?	Yes, the incentive can be stacked with other federal and state incentives	9/23/2024
	SECTION III. Eligibility		
2.	Is this incentive available for individuals in Xcel service territory?	This incentive is only for individuals outside of Xcel service territory	9/23/2024
3.	Where in the installation process does the applicant have to be?	The applicant needs to at least have submitted an active interconnection application at the time of applicatoin	9/23/2024
4.	Can the solar be an existing system or does it need to be a new installation?	This incentive can be for new or existing solar PV systems	9/23/2024
5.	Is capacity of 50 kWh per battery or for a system of Batteries?	The capacity is either one battery at 50 kWh, or a system of batteries lower than 50 kWh combined.	9/23/2024
6.	Can an applicant apply for a system of batteries over 50 kWh, even if they are getting the maximum incentive of $7,000.00?	The system of batteries cannot exceed 50 kWh to be eligible for this incentive.	10/04/24
7.	Are off-grid homes eligible to receive the incentive?	Currently off-grid homes are not eligible to receive the incentive as the Department requires the batteries be grid connected.	01/21/25
8	Does the solar generating system have to be behind the meter, or can it be in front of the meter?	The solar generating system just needs to be located at the same site as the battery storage system. Each system is unique and will be reviewed for eligibility.	01/21/25
9	Can the incentive be applied for retroactively?	So long as your system was installed and interconnected **after August 1st, 2024,** and meets the other requirements for eligibility, you qualify for the incentive.	01/21/25
	SECTION IV. Minimum Requirements		
	SECTION V. Competitive Priorities		
	SECTION VI. Grant Application List of Questions		

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	SECTION VII. Questions		
10	Is a supplier ID needed during the first portion of the application?	A supplier ID is not needed during the first portion of the application but will be needed for payment.	9/23/2024
	SECTION VIII. Application Submission Instructions		
	SECTION IX. Evaluation and Scoring		
	SECTION X. Exhibits an Attachments		
11.	Is the MOU required as a part of the application?	Yes, as of 11-27-24 an updated MOU has been provided, please see posting for this RFP on Request for Proposals (RFP) / Minnesota Department of Commerce - Business, *Exhibit D: Utility MOU* under "Additional Documents." Please ensure that a signed MOU is provided with the first step of the application.	01/21/25
	SECTION XI. Timeline		
12.	When will applicants be notified that they will receive the incentive?	Applicants will be notified after the first portion of the application, if they have been approved, denied, or need further clarification. If approved, the applicant can expect funds after the completion of the final step.	9/23/2024
13.	What is the timeline for payment of the Incentive?	Once the applicant has completed the second step, they can expect the payment within 30 days. This is subject to questions or clarifications needed with the applicant.	10/04/2024
14.	Does the system have to be fully installed to receive payment?	Yes, the system needs to be fully installed and interconnected to receive payment, only an active interconnection application is needed to reserve the funds.	10/15/2024
	SECTION XI. General Requirements		