

**Renewable Energy – Village Energy Efficiency Program
Responses to Frequently Asked Question (FAQ's)**

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1. Do building-scale renewable projects include utility-scale projects?

Building-scale renewable projects do not include utility-scale projects. We recommend utility-scale projects apply for the Renewable Energy Fund (REF). The application for REF Round 17 should become available in June 2024. Applications can be found on the AEA website when available.

2. Are LED streetlight upgrades an eligible project under RE-VEEP?

Yes, energy efficiency improvements to public buildings and facilities, including those affecting the lighting systems and controls, both indoor and outdoor, are eligible projects.

3. Can an entity assist an eligible applicant with its grant paperwork for RE-VEEP?

Yes, entities can assist eligible communities with their grant paperwork and enter into a cooperative agreement to administer the project; however, the eligible community will be responsible for the grant including any reporting requirements and grant funds disbursed, and must be listed as the applicant on all grant paperwork.

4. Can RE-VEEP funds support a design study to build a new power plant and bulk fuel farm? Or support replacing a generator at an existing powerhouse?

No, RE-VEEP funds may only be used to finance building-scale renewable energy, energy efficiency, and conservation projects in public buildings and facilities. For more details, please reference the [RE-VEEP Request for Application \(RFA\)](#) document.

5. I am an applicant interested in getting an energy efficiency audit done on a public building/facility in my community. Who conducts these audits? How much would this type of audit cost?

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) provides a list of Alaska AHFC-certified energy auditors: <https://akrebate.ahfc.us/Resources/Rater/List>.

According to the [U.S. Department of Energy, Achieving Energy Savings in Small- and Medium-Sized Public Facilities: A Strategic Approach to Prioritizing and Financing, 2021](#), energy audits range in cost between \$0.12 and \$0.50 per square foot. The cost depends on building complexity, and the sophistication of the audit, among other factors.

6. Is replacing the existing insulation in a public building or facility an eligible project under RE-VEEP?

Yes, energy efficiency improvements to public buildings and facilities includes those affecting the thermal envelope. Improvements affecting the thermal envelope, which include installing insulation or weather sealing, and replacing windows and doors, are eligible projects.

7. Do applicants need an energy audit done on proposed public facilities or buildings before any work can be done?

No, an energy audit is not required but is recommended.

8. Can a community apply for more than one project?

Yes, there is no limit on how many applications a community submits.