

**Renewable Energy Grant Fund RFA
Frequently Asked Questions FAQ's 1
Summary of Weekly Questions – September 3-10, 2008**

Applicant Eligibility Questions

1. What are the Requirements for Eligible Applicants?

In House Bill 152 (enacted as Chapter 31 SLA 2008), the legislature defined "eligible applicant" to mean "an electric utility holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity under AS 42.05, independent power producer, local government, or other governmental utility, including a tribal council and housing authority." AEA, in consultation with the Department of Law, concluded that the term "other governmental utility" was a drafting error and was intended to mean "other governmental entity."

AEA is not authorized to expand the legislature's definition of "eligible applicant" to include Alaska Native corporations, nonprofit corporations, or other such entities if they do not otherwise meet the legislature's definition. However, a Native corporation or other entity is an eligible applicant if it qualifies as an "independent power producer," which AEA interprets to mean "a corporation, person, agency, authority, or other legal entity or instrumentality that owns or operates facilities for the generation of energy to be used at least 50% by the public and that is not an electric utility."

2. Is a designated tribal entity that is not a council eligible to apply for this grant?

Tribal governments (IRA Councils and Traditional Councils) are both considered local governments and are eligible. Non-profit corporations such as subsidiaries of ANCSA corporations are not.

3. Do you have to be currently producing energy to be an eligible applicant for a renewable energy fund grant as an independent power producer? Or, is it enough that the project submitted for funding will supply at least 50% of its renewable energy to the public?

No, you don't have to be currently producing energy to be an eligible applicant for a grant but to qualify as an Independent Power Producer (IPP) you will need to meet the 50% requirement and all other program requirements.

4. Is a Community Development Quota entity an eligible applicant?

Community Development Quota entity not eligible; unless an IPP.

5. Can you clarify if state and federal government agencies and Alaskan native health corporations are all eligible to apply for the RFA grants for renewable energy under the governmental entity provision (which includes tribal councils and housing authorities)?

Yes state and federal government agencies are eligible. See questions Number One and Number Two regarding health corporations.

6. Are the pay-as-you-go metering systems eligible for the current Renewable Energy Fund RFA AEA-09-004 solicitation?

Not eligible.

7. Does the AEA have future solicitations in the works for other grant programs whereby the pre-pay metering system will be included as an eligible project?

Not planned at this time.