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Application Period Opens for Renewable Energy Fund Grants *AEA Seeks Qualified Applicants for Round 13*

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) on Monday announced it is seeking applications for Renewable Energy Fund (REF) grants to help Alaskans reduce the cost of energy through the development of renewable energy projects.

“We know that many of Alaska’s communities face serious energy challenges, which need constant attention and innovative thinking,” **said AEA Executive Director Curtis W. Thayer.** “The Renewable Energy Fund enables these communities access to specific funds that may help them address their energy needs.”

AEA will evaluate all applications received and will consult with the Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee to make final recommendations. AEA will submit a report summarizing each application and a recommended priority to the Alaska State Legislature for Fiscal Year 2022 funding.

The REF was established by the Alaska State Legislature to provide grant funding for the development of qualifying and competitively selected renewable energy projects. Since inception, 287 REF grants have been awarded to projects totaling \$268 million. Over 90 operating projects have been built with REF contributions, collectively saving more than 30 million gallons of diesel each year.

To learn more about REF and to apply for a Round 13 grant, visit [Renewable Energy Fund \(REF\) Grants](#), then click on [2020 REF Application](#). Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020. Applicants who need assistance are encouraged to contact AEA Grants Manager Karen St. Clair by email at grants@akenergyauthority.org or by phone at (907) 771-3081.

The Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state. Its mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

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