FAQ: Electric Grid Enhancement and Resiliency Grant

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GENERAL

Will applications be accepted on a rolling basis or is there a deadline?

- The application portal will close on April 25th, 2024. Once the application portal closes, FDEM will begin to evaluate the submitted applications.

Are utilities and municipal utilities eligible to apply?

- Yes.

Are there any character limits in the application input fields?

- There is a 5,000-word count limit.

Who do I contact if I need to edit my application once it has been submitted?

- Please contact Berenice Hernandez Avila (berenice.hernandez@em.myflorida.com) and Christina Goetzman (christina.goetzman@em.myflorida.com).

Am I able to save the application once I have started and return later to complete it?

- No, once you begin your application you must complete it.

What is the match requirement for this grant?

- Eligible entities are required to match 100% of their award. However, if an eligible entity sells not more than 4,000,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year, the required match will be one-third of the amount. Additionally, the awarded eligible entity will be required to cover the State's 15% cost match. This 15% cost match will be calculated based upon the applicant's awarded percentage of the state's allocation.

Does the total amount requested from FDEM include matching funds?

- No, the matching funds are not included in the total amount requested from FDEM.

Is there a maximum amount award per grantee?

- No.

Can a single entity submit more than one application, or can projects be aggregated in a single application?

- If an applicant has more than one project, the applicant should submit separate applications for each of their projects.

Are pre-award costs eligible for reimbursement?

- Pre-award costs are not eligible for reimbursement.

Is deployment of technologies such as FLISR and SCADA eligible?

- The deployment of technologies is allowable as the sole purpose of them isn't for cybersecurity purposes.

DEMES SUPPORT

What is DEMES?

- DEMES stands for the **Division of Emergency Management Enterprise Solution,** which was enhanced utilizing existing buildouts of the Salesforce Platform.

What is DEMES's Purpose?

- FDEM is on a journey towards more enhanced digital operations. DEMES modernizes and digitizes FDEM's forms and processes so the Division can move faster, leverage grant funding more efficiently, and provide an easier navigation experience for our agencies, partners, and internal staff.

What if an FDEM partner is unable to access DEMES?

- Anyone who experiences access issues, should contact DEMES.Support@em.myflorida.com for assistance.

I'm new to using DEMES - where can I go to learn about the basics?

- Assisting agencies and FDEM partners can visit the [DEMES site](#) for general information, training tools, and resources.

How do I provide feedback or ideas for enhancement for DEMES?

- Your feedback and input is important to the success of this initiative. Feedback and ideas for enhancements should be directed to [DEMES.Support@em.myflorida.com.](mailto:DEMES.Support@em.myflorida.com)