



SUSTAINABLE GAS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Sustainable Gas and Economic Development Program will fund a limited number of projects in the National Grid service territory that demonstrate sustainable gas technologies while producing significant economic development benefits for the region. The program will provide matching grants of up to \$250,000 for collaborative projects that involve an Upstate research institution, one or more sustainable gas or gas transportation technologies, and a regional economic development sponsor. Eligible technologies include, but are not limited to, those that produce or utilize pipeline quality gas from biogas resulting from anaerobic digestion or gasification of waste materials for delivery in local distribution systems or use in natural gas vehicles.

Minimum Program Requirements: *Please review the program requirements and guidelines below prior to completing an application for funding.*

Note: Program assistance is only available to customers in good standing, located within National Grid's Upstate New York franchise territory. Applicants must be current in payments with National Grid or have executed a deferred payment agreement with the Company.

To be eligible for this program, the **applicant** must be:

- ❑ A regional economic development entity in National Grid's Upstate New York service territory; **or**
- ❑ A University-based research organization with the endorsement of the authorized municipality where the project is taking place; **or**
- ❑ A 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6), or 501(c)(4) corporation, working in tandem with a municipality, university, or regional economic development organization.

To be eligible for this program, the **project** must:

- ❑ Be located within the National Grid Upstate NY service area;
- ❑ Involve development and deployment of sustainable gas or gas transportation technologies such as bio-methane or gas blends processed to pipeline quality standards produced from landfill gas recovery, municipal wastewater operations, municipal solid wastes, wood and pulp wastes, farm or dairy wastes, or any other renewable material that is both produced and processed in NY State for delivery in a local distribution system or use in natural gas vehicles;
- ❑ Obtain matching funds on at least a 3:1 basis from other sources;
- ❑ Include involvement of a regional university research institution;
- ❑ Have one or more sustainable gas or related sustainable gas technology partners;
- ❑ Have a regional economic development sponsor; **and**
- ❑ Show specific evidence of regional economic development benefits by:

1. Creating an asset that will enhance regional business attraction or expansion efforts;
or
2. Serving as a learning center for sustainable gas or sustainable gas transportation technologies.

Funding and Eligibility Guidelines

Program funding and parameters are established annually by National Grid. Grants are available on a continual basis until all funding is expended or until the end of National Grid's current rate agreement. Funding is released to a grant award recipient only after the recipient has met all conditions of the program. In all circumstances, funding should be viewed by the applicant as a reimbursement for work completed following grant approval in the form of an award letter

The grant award recipient should expect to execute a Funding Agreement with National Grid. The Agreement will outline expectations of the grant program and the conditions for the release of funds.

The maximum allowable grant award for this program is \$500,000. All applications are evaluated on a variety of factors. Some applications may not result in the maximum grant award.

If you are applying to more than one program for the same project, you must indicate that clearly on the application.

Under no circumstance will funding be released after the expiration of the Company's current rate agreement or without prior written consent from National Grid.

- Program funds may only be used to offset twenty percent (20%) of project costs (4:1 funding match required)

How to Apply

To apply for the Sustainable Gas and Economic Development Program please:

- Complete the program application online; and
- Upload all required documentation as noted at the end of your online application.

If you need assistance in completing the application, please contact Karen Mousaw via email at Karen.Mousaw@nationalgrid.com