



Application flow chart – §9006

§9006 Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant Program

Invitation of §9006 applications published in Federal Register – by RD-National Office

(The announcement may include application requirements, program changes, and processing information.)



Applications are written and finalized by applicants/packagers

(Applicants seeking Energy Efficiency grants must also secure energy audit/assessment.)

(Applicants seeking Renewable Energy grants may also need to secure an independent feasibility study & technical documentation from a Professional Engineer.)

(Applicants should secure & document all other needed funding sources during this time.)



Draft applications may be submitted to RD-State Offices for preliminary review & comment



Application deadline

(Applications must be sent to the RD-State Office, postmarked not later than this date)



Completeness & eligibility review – by RD-State Office for its state’s applications

(Ineligible or incomplete applications are disqualified.)



Initial state scoring.

(RD-State Office scores its state’s applications on the objective, quantitative scoring criteria only.)



Technical review

(Each application’s “Technical Report” is forwarded to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. NREL organizes multiple, 3-person expert review panels to review all the eligible, complete applications. Expert reviewers determine whether or not the proposal is technically sound and feasible. Applications that “pass” technical review are then scored on the technical scoring criteria only. Those that “fail” technical review are disqualified. Technical review results are reported back to the RD-State Office.)



Final state scoring

(RD-State Office sums each “passed” applicant’s State and Technical scores and requests funding by RD-National Office.)

(RD-State Office also completes any required environmental analysis of the project.)



Second Tier Review Committee

(RD-National Office reviews RD-State recommendations, compiling a national list of projects seeking funds.)



Normalization

(To reduce scoring bias by technology and scale, a standard statistical normalization process is applied to all scores.)



Awards announced

(RD-National Office announces successful grantees.)



Grants approved & closed

(RD-State Office issues letter of conditions, verifies conditions are met, approves & closes grant, and monitors project.)



Grantee conducts & completes project

(Grantee proceeds with project; requests grant funds on a reimbursement basis typically upon project completion; submits progress reports and then final report.)

Historical §9006 Key Dates	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Notice of Solicitation of Applications	March 28, 2005	February 13, 2006	March 22, 2007
Application Deadline	June 27, 2005	May 12, 2006	May 18, 2007
Awards Announced	September 14, 2005	August 30, 2006	September 21, 2007