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Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Program

- Renewable Energy (Purchase a RE system)
- Energy Efficiency Program (Improve existing system)
- 25% Grant Program / 75% Match Required
- Nationally Competitive Program (Funding based on highest points scored)
- Simplified Application Process (<200,000 total project cost -extra points incentive)



Funding Availability

- Approx. 17 million available in funding Nationwide.
- Accepting 2007 applications soon.
 - Expecting NOFA to be released in late March.
 - Appears application deadline approximately Late May



RES Project Eligibility

- **Eligible Technologies under Simplified Process**
 - Small/Large wind
 - Small/Large Solar
 - Large Solar
 - Bio-Energy
 - Geothermal
 - Hydrogen
 - Anaerobic Projects
 - Energy Efficiency



Applicant Eligibility

- **Projects in a Rural Area.**
- **Must be an agricultural producer.**
- **An independent *small* business.**
- **Applicant must be either a citizen or legally admitted.**



Renewable Energy Systems Project Eligibility

- **End result must be to purchase a commercially available and replicable technology.**
- **Project must be technically feasible.**
- **Applicant must be owner & in control of the operation & maintenance of the proposed project.**



RES Project Eligibility

- **Minimum Request =2,500**
- **Maximum Request=500,000**
- **Must provide verification of 75% Match**
 - **Other federal funds & applicant contributions cannot be included in Match**
 - **Third party equity contributions are acceptable**
 - **Third Party In-kind is limited to 10 of total match.**

Energy Efficiency Improvement

- **Min Request: 1,500**
- **Max Request: 250,000**
- **Energy assessment required total cost < 50,000.**
- **Energy Audit required if total cost > 50,000**
- **75% Match Verification**
 - **Same as RES project.**



Eligible Project Costs

- **Purchase & Installation (post application)**
- **Construction & improvements (post app.)**
- **Energy Audits & assessments.**
- **Permit & license Fees.**
- **Professional Service Fees.**
- **Feasibility Studies & Technical reports.**
- **Business Plans.**

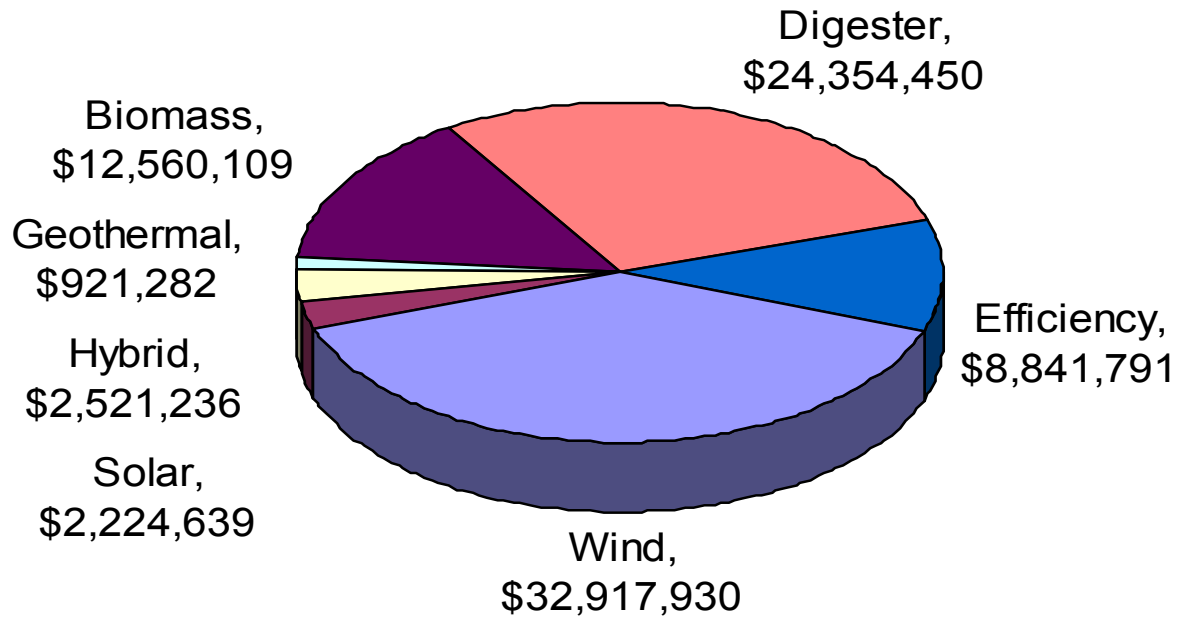


Projects/Expenses that are not eligible.

- **Residential benefit.**
- **Vehicles.**
- **Agricultural tillage equipment.**
- **Application preparation fees.**

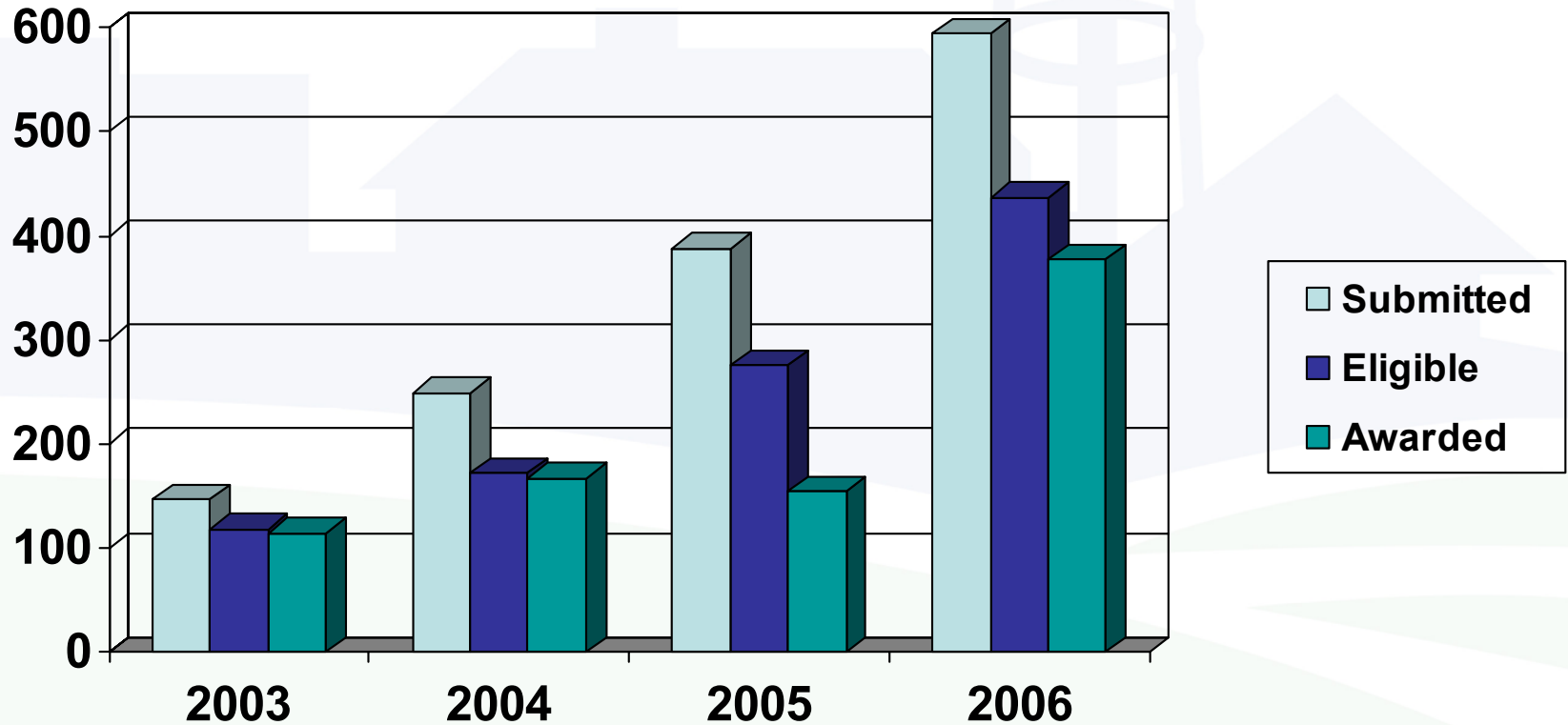


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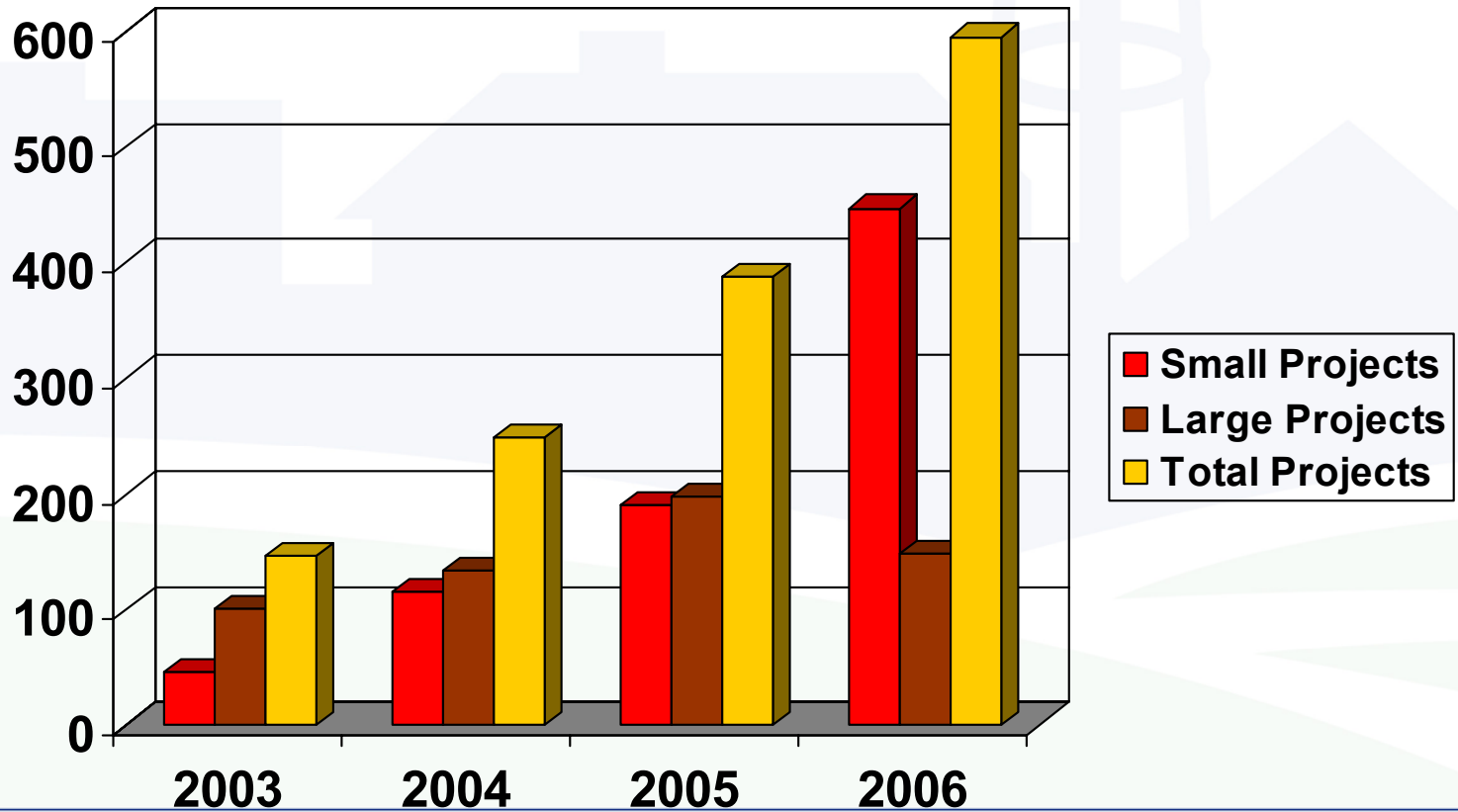


Volume of Applications





Shift in Project Size





How to file an Application?

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Questions & Answers



Committed to the future of rural communities.