

Please review ALL pages of this document for your Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Application

Below is the ****Original**** Nonprofit Subrecipient Scorecard

Main Category	Subcategory	Max Category Points	Full Points Example
Need for Program Support		5	A homeless shelter performing these upgrades will spend \$X less on energy costs and can put the money saved toward creating X new beds.
Quantitative Factors and Use of Available Resources (Energy Savings, EUI Reductions, GHG emission reductions - as benchmarked by an energy audit)	Completed energy study	5	Completed a GJGNY energy study and have the final report.
	Energy Use Intensity (EUI) reduction	10	A nonprofit has received the GJGNY energy study. They elect to perform all of the EEMs listed, including upgrading the HVAC system to a GSHP.
	Total energy use reduction (non-normalized value)	5	
	Total GHG emissions reduction	5	
	Max Total for this Main Category = 25		
Importance and Impact of the Organization's Mission and Activities		5	
Community Engagement and Local Hiring Commitments	Local Community Benefit: Reduction in air pollution from proposed upgrades	5	The application includes upgrading the heating and hot water systems to heat pumps - no fossil fuel burning equipment is left on site.
	Community Engagement: Plan to make stakeholders aware of the project and its benefits	5	The nonprofit has plans to create posters for its main hall explaining the proposed energy efficiency upgrades and expected benefits, if selected for the grant. It also has plans to act as an advocate for neighbors and other local buildings that are interested in pursuing similar upgrades and will host open house events. Information about the project is included in newsletters and communications from the nonprofit.
	Local Hiring: Benefits for local employment	10	The application includes a requirement that contractor(s) hire at least one apprentice from the region. Working with a local workforce training program, the project is to be used as a hands-on demonstration project for those interested in the field (s).
	Labor Union Preference: Prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements	5	The application includes requirements/plans to employ at least one union chapter for construction.
	Max Total for this Main Category = 25		
Project Readiness		10	The application includes any past facility improvements, secured permits and approvals for the project, draft or formal engineering designs, clear source of matching funds, and/or documented project approval by the board of directors.
Innovative Project Designs and Use of Financing		5	The application shows diverse and innovative methods for decarbonization.

Community Needs and DEIA Goals	Presence and Scope of EJ Issues in the community / NP or Project serving populations especially vulnerable to climate related extreme weather conditions	10	The application explains how their decarbonization project/NP will benefit a disadvantaged or climate vulnerable community following the DAC Criteria List (p 58-76). The application will discuss how the project addresses one or more of the community vulnerabilities in these categories: pollution exposures, land use associated with historical discrimination and disinvestment, climate risks, land use affecting climate vulnerabilities, income, education, employment, race, ethnicity, language, health outcomes, healthcare, housing, mobility, communications, and heat vulnerability.
	Application includes a plan to utilize M/WBE vendors	5	Application includes a plan or commitment to utilize one or more M/WBE vendors recognized by the NY State MWBE.
	Application includes a plan to benefit under-represented workers	5	The application identifies how the project will benefit under-represented workers in the clean energy sector, such as partnering with a local training program for workers in disadvantaged communities.
	Max Total for this Main Category = 20		
Ability to Serve as a Model for Other Nonprofits		5	The proposed project can be easily followed and executed for a diverse range of buildings. The nonprofit has indicated they are willing to work with SW to develop case studies or other educational materials.
Max Total Points = 100			

Important Note: In light of the federal government's updated guidance on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and general questions we have received about this topic (and how it will affect scoring), we are advising applicants to refrain from using specific language and acronyms related to DEI and community benefit plans (CBP) in your final application (i.e. MWBE, DEIA). Instead, we recommend utilizing terminology focused on community resiliency, workforce / economic development, monetary savings, efficiency, and general climate vulnerabilities. We have prepared an alternate scorecard ready for use ***IF*** an official change to the scoring criteria is mandated (at this time, we have not been required to do so.)

Below is the **Alternate**** Nonprofit Subrecipient Scorecard**

Main Category	Subcategory	Max Category Points	Full Points Example
Need for Program Support		5	A homeless shelter performing these upgrades will spend \$X less on energy costs and can put the money saved toward creating X new beds.
Quantitative Factors and Use of Available Resources (Energy Savings, EUI Reductions, GHG emission reductions - as benchmarked by an energy audit)	Completed energy study	5	A GJGNY energy study or BETTER Report has been completed and the final report(s) is attached.
	Energy Use Intensity (EUI) reduction	10	A nonprofit has received the GJGNY energy study. They elect to perform all of the EEMs listed, including upgrading the HVAC system to a GSHP.
	Total energy use reduction (non-normalized value)	5	
	Total GHG emissions reduction	5	
	Max Total for this Main Category = 25		
Importance and Impact of the Organization's Mission and Activities		5	

Community Engagement and Local Hiring Commitments	Public Good: Expected Improvements in Health Outcomes	5	In the application, the organization recognizes the potential for improved health outcomes resulting from the proposed upgrades. Example: The application includes upgrading the heating and hot water systems to heat pumps, no longer relying on a polluting source of energy, resulting in reduced air pollution.
	Community Engagement: Plan to make stakeholders aware of the project and its benefits	5	The nonprofit has plans to create posters for its main hall explaining the proposed energy efficiency upgrades and expected benefits, if selected for the grant. It also has plans to act as an advocate for neighbors and other local buildings that are interested in pursuing similar upgrades and will host open house events. Information about the project is included in newsletters and communications from the nonprofit.
	Local Hiring: Benefits for local employment	10	The application includes a requirement that contractor(s) hire at least one apprentice from the region. Working with a local workforce training program, the project is to be used as a hands-on demonstration project for those interested in the field (s).
	Labor Union Preference: Prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements	5	The application includes requirements/plans to employ at least one union chapter for construction.
	Max Total for this Main Category = 25		
Project Readiness		10	The application includes any past facility improvements, secured permits and approvals for the project, draft or formal engineering designs, clear source of matching funds, and/or documented project approval by the board of directors.
Innovative Project Designs and Use of Financing		5	The application shows diverse and innovative methods for decarbonization.
Community Needs and Fostering Resilience	Presence and scope of populations vulnerable to extreme weather conditions in the community (located in the NP's area or the community the NP serves)	10	The application explains how their decarbonization project or NP will benefit a climate vulnerable community. The application will discuss how the project addresses one or more of the community vulnerabilities in these categories: pollution exposures, climate risks, land use affecting climate vulnerabilities, health outcomes, healthcare, housing, mobility, communications, heat vulnerability, and any other relevant vulnerabilities.
	Application includes a plan to promote economic growth or drive further engagement in the decarbonization sector	10	The application identifies how the project will benefit workers in the clean energy sector, for example: partnering with a local training program for workers that have not historically been engaged in such opportunities. The application also includes NY State vendor(s) that they plan to use for their project that are well versed in their sustainability practices and goals.
	Max Total for this Main Category = 20		
Ability to Serve as a Model for Other Nonprofits		5	The proposed project can be easily followed and executed for a diverse range of buildings. The nonprofit has indicated they are willing to work with SW to develop case studies or other educational materials.
Max Total Points = 100			