



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO FUND RE-AMP MEMBER STATE-BASED COLLABORATION

Background

The RE-AMP Network requests proposals to fund RE-AMP members to collaborate on equitably eliminating greenhouse gas emissions in the Midwest by 2050. We seek proposals that focus on work within a state to make progress on one or more of the network's strategic priorities (see page three for RE-AMP's Strategic Priorities). Grants will cover activities from Oct. 1, 2023 through Sept. 30th, 2024. The maximum grant award is \$55,000.

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- **Build on previous RE-AMP investments:** The committee will prioritize work that stems from state-level collaborations previously funded by RE-AMP (i.e. RE-AMP funded State Tables).
- **Have broad RE-AMP member participation:** At least 50 percent of collaborators are RE-AMP members.
- **Are state-focused:** Describe organizing or policy campaigns that would make a significant difference for a state.

Requirements

Please describe your proposal for funding for up to \$55,000. (While the maximum grant award will be \$55,000 we encourage potential grantees to carefully consider their needs, and if able, ask for less than the maximum amount so that Network funds can be spread across multiple requests.) Proposals should answer three key questions:

1. What is the work you propose to do over the next year?
2. How does the proposed work relate, if at all, to RE-AMP's strategic priorities of agriculture, buildings, energy democracy, integrated voter engagement, and/or transportation (see below for details)?
3. How will your resources (your time and budget) be allocated to achieve your goals?

Please include the following:

- A budget, including organizations to whom any money is regranted
- List of members of the collaboration, including names, emails, and organizational affiliations
- List of leadership team members or roles, including names and organizational affiliations



Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by the Strategic Action Fund committee based on the following criteria:

Criteria #1. Authentic and effective collaboration: How well does the proposal demonstrate collaboration within the state that is both authentic and diverse? Note that collaboration that includes at least 50 percent RE-AMP members will be prioritized.

Criteria #2. Acting in Community with the RE-AMP Network: How well does the proposal demonstrate being an active part of the RE-AMP community? For example, are participants also contributing to/ participating in Hubs, Action Teams, Peer Learning Circles, Annual Meeting sessions or building on a previous RE-AMP investment in state-level collaboration?

Criteria #3. Centering equity: Is there an equitable distribution of resources within the grant budget and project leadership? Are people and perspectives from impacted communities included in the group's work?

Criteria #4. Potential to drive state-level impact on RE-AMP's Strategic Priorities of agriculture, buildings, energy democracy, integrated voter engagement, and/or transportation: How well does the proposal demonstrate a plan to drive impact within a state? Please see below to ensure you understand the ways RE-AMP is working on these priorities.

How to Apply

Applicants may apply by either submitting a written application online through the RE-AMP Commons or by speaking with RE-AMP staff and answering application questions verbally. The online application portal will open by July 15, 2023.

Verbal applications must take place by 5:00 pm Central Monday, August 7th and must be set up ahead of time. If applying verbally, contact Melissa Gavin at melissa@reamp.org to set up a time for a verbal application.

All proposals are due by 5 pm Central on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023.



RE-AMP's Strategic Priorities 2022 -2024

Transportation

Enabling people to get where they need to go without having to drive, and making motorized transportation cleaner. Main areas of focus are:

1. Leveraging local climate plans to ensure transportation and land use planning promotes policies that are good for people and the climate.
2. Leveraging federal funding for transit, active transportation, and other tools to enable people to get where they need to go without having to drive.
3. Creating moratoria on highway expansions, and re-connecting communities.

Buildings

Getting fossil fuels out of buildings to ensure affordable, healthy, comfortable places to live, work, play, and pray. Main areas of focus include:

1. Energy efficiency policies and measures that center the needs of low-income and BIPOC communities
2. Equitable building electrification, especially in rural areas

Agriculture

Supporting food and agriculture systems that nourish the land and pull carbon from the air. Main areas of focus include:

1. Elevating promising models of regenerative agriculture from around the Midwest with an emphasis on supporting young and/or BIPOC farmers
2. Limiting growth of CAFOs and methane output from agricultural systems
3. Working collectively on the 2023 Farm Bill to reduce agricultural emissions and promote sustainable agriculture

Energy Democracy

Investing in community-driven solutions to create energy system transformation toward clean and democratically owned energy. Main areas of focus include:

1. Building and taking back member power in Rural Electric Co-ops
2. Liberating people from utility debt
3. Working against corporate monopolies in energy markets
4. Supporting models for democratically controlled and locally produced clean energy

Integrated Voter Engagement

Ensuring people have access to and participate in democratic processes. Main areas of focus include:

1. Expanding leadership and engagement in BIPOC communities
2. Building capacity for grassroots influence on public officials
3. Voter registration and mobilization