

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

RFP EM-012-2024: ELECTRIC BIKE PILOT

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Q1: Are wide-tire electric bikes eligible?

A1: Yes, any bicycle that meets the definition in section 2.4 of the RFP is eligible.

Q2: Are bike accessories (e.g., baskets, GPS and web-based tracking devices, and charging racks) eligible costs?

A2: Optional accessories are not eligible costs; accessories that are standard equipment and included in the price of the bike are eligible costs.

Q3: Is there any financial support after the 3-year contract period?

A3: No.

Q4: Would Efficiency Maine consider a 1-year or 2-year contract period?

A4: No.

Q5: What is the purpose of this RFP?

A5: Efficiency Maine seeks to support one or more pilot projects demonstrating the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) in Maine. Eligible applicants must make e-bikes available for use by the applicant's residents, clients, employees, or volunteers to offset transportation that would otherwise be provided by fossil fuel vehicles. The purpose of the pilot project(s) is to investigate the potential for this technology to help Maine consumers reduce their energy costs and their carbon footprint by shifting from fossil-fuel fired transportation to electrified transportation. Through the project(s) that will be funded through this RFP, Efficiency Maine will gather information about the amount of fossil fuel displaced, the avoided costs associated with this displaced fossil fuel, the costs of purchasing and operating the e-bikes, and barriers to the use of the technology for individual bikes used in the pilot.

Q6: Are for-profit organizations eligible for this RFP?

A6: No. Eligible Bidders are housing authorities, Community Action Agencies (CAPs), and nonprofit organizations.

Q7: Are you able to connect us with other nonprofits/community action agencies to conduct the pilot programs?

A7: Efficiency Maine does not have a comprehensive list of eligible entities. A list of housing authorities is available here: www.mainehousing.org/charts/local-housing-authority-contacts. A list of Community Action Agencies is available here: www.mainehousing.org/charts/maine-community-action-agency-contacts.