Informational Webinar Questions and Answers

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1. Are HVAC the same as heat pumps?
   HVAC stands for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning. Heat pumps provide heating, cooling, and dehumidification.

2. Would this grant cover on-demand water heaters and/or heat pump water heaters? Which do you recommend?
   This Funding Opportunity does not include on-demand water heating or heat pump water heater heating. Efficiency Maine does provide rebates for heat pump water heaters for commercial buildings, for more information please check out our information on our website: https://www.efficiencymaine.com/at-work/water-heating-solutions/.

3. How competitive do you expect this grant application to be?
   This Funding Opportunity is not competitive but is subject to availability of funding. Project applications will be processed on a first come first basis. When funding is exhausted, no further applications will be accepted.

4. Assuming ARPA Funds can be used for the Town matching funds.
   This Funding Opportunity does not require any identification of the funding source for which the town will use to cover the portion of the project cost not covered by the incentives offered.

5. Are the webinars all the same?
   Yes, all three webinars will cover the same material.

6. Would the lighting apply to a separate facility where town meetings are held, such as a school gymnasium?
   Lighting in a school is not an eligible project in this funding opportunity. There is currently another funding opportunity for eligible school entities; for more information, please check out our website: https://www.efficiencymaine.com/school-retrofits-cip-fon-009-2022/.

7. I have a Library that owns a residential apartment in the same building. It helps provide revenue for the facility. Are the residential areas eligible for FON funding?
   The residential areas of a library are not eligible for funding through this Funding Opportunity but rebates by be available through Efficiency Maine Residential Program. For more information please visit our website: https://www.efficiencymaine.com/at-home/.
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8. **What if the school stores their buses in our municipal building (Fire Station)?**
   In this situation, the Fire Station would still be considered an eligible municipal building.

9. **How strict is the 5,000 cap on the population. Our town had a population of 5,012 in the 2020 census.**
   For this round of funding, eligible municipalities and tribal territories must have a population of less than 5,000. To determine eligibility, refer to the listing found here: [https://www.efficiencymaine.com/docs/Small%20Municipality%20FON-010-2023%20Eligibility%20List.pdf](https://www.efficiencymaine.com/docs/Small%20Municipality%20FON-010-2023%20Eligibility%20List.pdf)

10. **Can you do the lighting & VRF projects separately if the timing does not work to do them at the same time?**
    Yes, you can start and complete multiple projects separately, but all projects must be completed by February 28, 2024.

11. **Can a municipality apply for more than one project?**
    Yes, a municipality may apply for more than one project. If multiple projects are in the same eligible building, you may submit one application or separate applications. If you are doing multiple projects and they are in multiple eligible buildings, you must submit an individual application for each of those building.

12. **Our town hall and community center is a former elementary school. Do we still qualify?**
    Yes, a repurposed building that is an eligible building type as listed in section 2.1.2 of the funding opportunity document would be eligible to participate.

13. **If the lighting project is completed before the VRF project, can you get paid for it?**
    Upon completion of all work as outlined in the Approved Scope of Work (see section 1.3 for project completion deadline), the applicant and the installing contractor must sign and return the Customer Project Acceptance Form along with any material invoices to the email address listed in Section 4. Efficiency Maine will conduct a final project review and process the applicant’s incentive(s).

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14. **Can you do separate applications for different projects, e.g., one for heat pumps, one for parking lot lights?**
    See answer provided in question #11.

15. **Is there a limit to the amount of incentives a town may request?**
    There is not a limit to the amount of incentives a town may request. Funding for projects is on a first come, first serve basis.