

## Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund Brownfields Solar PV Program Frequently Asked Questions:

### 1. Who is eligible for financing through REF Brownfield Solar PV Program?

Any legal business entity (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company), municipality, non-profit organization or a combination of the previously listed organizations are eligible for REF funding. All projects must be located in Rhode Island. The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) must be notified in regard to beginning a brownfield project before applying to the REF Brownfields Solar PV program. A file number will be given through the DEM for verification. Please provide this file number on the application.

### 2. What type and size of projects are eligible for grants through the Brownfields Solar PV Pilot?

Only Solar PV Projects with a rated DC nameplate capacity of over 10kW will be deemed eligible.

### 3. Why can't a Renewable Energy Fund (REF) grant be combined with a Renewable Energy Growth (REG) program?

The REG Program is separate and distinct from Net Metering. An eligible DG project can elect to receive compensation under the Net Metering Provision, R.I.P.U.C. No. 2150. A Net Metering project can supply their own power to offset their energy consumption through a netting process that compensates customers with net metering credits designed to even out monthly billings over twelve months. Customers participating in Net Metering are not eligible for participation in the RE-G Program.

Please refer to National Grid's FAQ's, page #5, point #8 for more details:

[https://www9.nationalgridus.com/narragansett/non\\_html/RI%20Renewable%20Energy%20Growth%20Program%20FAQs%20v12.0.pdf](https://www9.nationalgridus.com/narragansett/non_html/RI%20Renewable%20Energy%20Growth%20Program%20FAQs%20v12.0.pdf)

### 4. How much funding is available for this program?

\$1 million dollars are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until the funding has been exhausted. The program will remain open until all the funding has been allocated to projects.

### 5. Is a shade analysis required for the Brownfields Solar PV program?

Although a shade analysis may not be required for the Brownfields Solar PV program, please be aware that the REF may ask for this report depending on the location of the project.

### 6. Could funding go to a canopy or mill project located on a brownfield?

Yes. As long as there is little or no shading. A shade analysis report may be requested prior to grant approval or requested at project completion.