

**South Carolina
Grid Resilience
Grant Program
(GRG)
Grant
Management
Session
Thursday,
May 9, 2024**



South Carolina Grid Resilience Grant Program



- All 18 projects submitted have been approved by the DOE effective April 23, 2024 (Reminder: Years 1 & 2 combined)
- Total funding available = **\$11,964,981**
 - Grant amt. \$10,404,331 with 15% match from Santee Cooper of \$1,560,650
- Applicants were: 8 Cooperatives; 3 Municipal Power/Water Entities; and 1 small Investor-owned Power Company
- **Projects approved are spread throughout the State, located in 6 of 7 S.C. congressional districts**
- Additional information on sub-awardees, award amounts and project details are available on Santee Cooper website:

www.santeecooper.com/community/grid-resilience

Next Steps - Immediate



- Review your application and verify the project is still feasible for your organization.
- Review your budget and verify that the costs you quoted in the application are still reasonable and expected.
- Santee Cooper will provide each Sub-awardee with a “GRG Program Grant Award Agreement” to be signed by an authorized person within each organization. The Agreement is important as it will set forth basic understanding of the GRG Program and a few required acknowledgements for each Sub-Awardee, such as:
 - Acknowledgement of compliance with federal regulations, such as the Davis-Bacon Act, Build America Buy American, Anti-Kickback statute, etc.
 - Confirmation of access to credit and responsibility for funds that may be clawed back.
 - Acknowledgement of reporting requirements (quarterly-budget; annually-metrics)
 - Acknowledgement for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest.
 - Acknowledgement of required form for reimbursement and Cost Match requirements.
- Upon receipt and review, please return the signed Agreement to Santee Cooper

GRG Reporting Requirements



The reporting requirements for subawards are outlined in the table below.

Schedule	Documentation
Quarterly Reporting	Project Build and Resilience Impact Metrics
	Financial Report
	Project Management Plan (PMP) Updates
Annual Report	Financial Report
	Annual Program Metrics
	Impact Report

<https://netl.doe.gov/bilhub/grid-resilience/formula-grants/post-award-documents>

Please note, materials supporting the request for reimbursement, such as a detailed invoice and/or signed timesheets are required for reimbursement purposes.

Sub-Awardee Reporting Due Dates



Sub-awardees must provide all necessary information that in turn Santee Cooper will use to complete each Quarterly Progress Report (“QPR”) to the DOE *no later than* 30-days after the end of each quarter (see reference table below). Also, each Sub-awardee must provide the necessary information for the Annual Program Metrics and Impact Report *no later than October 15th* as Santee Cooper must file the final report with the DOE on October 31 each year.

Fiscal Year Quarter	Quarter Date Range	QPR Due to Santee Cooper	QPR Due to DOE
Quarter 1 (Q1)	October 1 – December 31	January 15	January 31
Quarter 2 (Q2)	January 1 – March 31	April 15	April 30
Quarter 3 (Q3)	April 1 – June 30	July 15	July 31
Quarter 4 (Q4)	July 1 – September 30	October 15	October 31

Reimbursement Process



Sub-awardees may submit requests reimbursement for costs of the projects on a monthly or quarterly basis. The [Reimbursement Request Form](#) (with required backup documentation) must be submitted by the 15th of the month. Simply email the request with all applicable documentation to:

gridresiliencegrant@santeecooper.com.

Each Sub-awardee is also eligible to request that payments made back to the Sub-awardee are made via electronic bank transfer (i.e. “ACH”). Simply complete and submit the [ACH](#) and [W-9](#) forms, to be set up as an ACH recipient. This will allow immediate processing of payments from the DOE to Santee Cooper and back to the Sub-awardee quickly. If a Sub-awardee elects not to participate in the ACH payment process, funds will be paid by regular check.

REIMBURSEMENT FORM		
Sub-recipient Name:		
Project Title:		
Project Number:		
Date of Request:		
Amount of Request:		
POC Name:		
POC Signature:		
Budget Category	Federal Award	Reimbursement Request
Personnel		
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment		
Supplies		
Construction		
Other		
Contractual		
Name (list all other contracts \$25,000 or more)		
Name (list all other contracts \$25,000 or more)		
Sum of individual contracts under \$25,000		
Sub-Total Direct Charges	\$ -	\$ -
Indirect Charges		
Total	\$ -	\$ -

Documentation of expenses must be attached (i.e. invoices, receipts, signed time sheets).

Grant Recipient Mandated Acknowledgements



All federal grant sub-awardees must acknowledge awareness of and compliance with several federally mandated statutes and/or programs in order to participate in the federal grant process. These mandated programs or statutes include:

- The Davis-Bacon Act
- The Anti-Kickback Act
- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act
- Build America Buy American Act

There are several training videos made available by the Department of Energy and its partners, NETL or Grid Deployment Office, that can assist with the particular requirements of each of these statutes if the Sub-awardee is not already familiar with such requirements.

(For a brief explanation of each Act listed above, please see the attached Appendix at the end of this presentation.)

Required Training



Prevailing Wage Seminar

2024 Prevailing Wage Seminars

The Wage and Hour Division will offer virtual prevailing wage seminars to provide training and outreach on topics such as the Davis-Bacon Act, the Service Contract Act, Executive Orders 13658, 13706 and 14026, wage determinations and conformances, and compliance assistance and enforcement processes.

Registration:

Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Seminars -- Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/departments-of-labor-2024-prevailing-wage-seminars-tickets-774561342827>

The 2024 virtual prevailing wage seminars will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, February 27, 2024
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024
- Thursday, August 29, 2024

The seminars will begin at 11:00 EST and run until 5:30 EST. Attendees will be able to choose from among various sessions offered during the seminar on various topics.

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(1) Davis-Bacon Act Compliance

Projects funded under BIL Division D, per Section 41101 of that law, require all laborers and mechanics employed by the applicant, subrecipients, contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration, or repair work funded in whole or in part under the program ALRD shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the “Davis-Bacon Act” (DBA).

Applicants shall provide written assurance acknowledging the DBA requirements above, and confirming that the laborers and mechanics performing construction, alteration, or repair work on projects funded in whole or in part by awards made as a result of this ALRD are paid or will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Davis-Bacon Act).

Recipients of funding are required to undergo Davis-Bacon Act compliance training and to maintain competency in Davis-Bacon Act compliance. Santee Cooper will notify the recipient of any DOE sponsored Davis-Bacon Act compliance trainings. The U.S. Department of Labor (“DOL”) offers free Prevailing Wage Seminars several times a year that meet this requirement, at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/governmentcontracts/construction/seminars/events>.

Legislative Mandates (cont.)



(2) Anti-Kickback Act

a. Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

b. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

c. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

(3) Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

- a. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work, which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics, shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to perform work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- b. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. Santee Cooper shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.

(4) Buy America Requirements for Infrastructure Projects

Pursuant to the Build America Buy America Act, subtitle IX of BIL (Buy America or “BABA”), federally assisted projects that involve infrastructure work, undertaken by applicable recipient types, require that:

- All iron, steel, and manufactured products used in the infrastructure work are produced in the United States; and
- All construction materials used in the infrastructure work are manufactured in the United States.

In general, whether a given project must apply this requirement is dependent on several factors, such as the recipient’s entity type, whether the work involves “infrastructure,” as that term is defined in Section 70914 of the BIL (discussed in more detail in Appendix C), based in part on whether the infrastructure in question is publicly owned or serves a public function. For this FOA specifically, all projects subject to this FOA are considered “infrastructure” within the Buy America provision of BIL, based on implementation guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-22-11 issued on April 18, 2022.