

# DWEA POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS 2026

## **Agricultural Policy:**

First, USDA should act now to restart REAP and tackle the applications backlog.

Second, the new Farm Bill should include a Reserve Fund of not less than 15% of annual funding for “Renewable Underutilized Technologies”. Solar and efficiency would not qualify for the new Reserve Fund because they have dominated grant funding for the last decade.

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## REAP Grant Funding, 2014 - 2024

| Technology           | Award Count   | Total Grants           |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| BIOFUELS             | 90            | \$29,128,265           |
| BIOGAS               | 144           | \$71,768,421           |
| BIOMASS              | 105           | \$14,403,549           |
| EA/REDA              | 84            | \$7,051,599            |
| ENERGY EFFICIENCY    | 5,129         | \$296,689,290          |
| GEOHERMAL            | 124           | \$8,158,601            |
| HYBRID               | 31            | \$4,300,482            |
| HYDROELECTRIC        | 45            | \$8,440,146            |
| SOLAR                | 13,145        | \$1,137,049,326        |
| STORAGE              | 5             | \$53,248               |
| TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE | 166           | \$36,044,295           |
| WIND                 | 187           | \$12,676,322           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>19,255</b> | <b>\$1,625,763,545</b> |

- Solar: ~70%
- Efficiency: ~18%
- Wind: ~0.08%

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## **Tax Policy:**

The ITC provisions for small wind businesses (Sections 48E and 45X) are mission critical policy to dominating the global market and lowering farm, rural and remote homeowner and business costs. The multi-year ITC, 45X, and small wind leasing provisions should be restored, so that distributed wind's potential can be realized.

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## **Energy Appropriations:**

DOE's Wind budget should include "not less than \$25m for Distributed Wind" RD&D, which is primarily used by farmers and other rural or remote businesses and works well in fossil hybrid systems

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## **Distributed Wind Power Regulatory Approvals:**

The Administration is inappropriately withholding or delaying (typically fast and easy) approvals, even for rural or remote community projects, as well as on tribal lands, across agencies. That needs to stop, ideally with Congressional intervention.

# **Other Industry Issues not to be Forgotten:**

- DW Certification Standards
- US-Fish & Wildlife Services - Bats
- Abusive Buy-back Rates