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Document Title:	DEBA Prop 4 GRIP Letter of Interest - Extended Deadline
Description:	Due Date Extended to July 16th - The purpose of this announcement is to identify and seek letters of interest from United States Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) Awardees with “water utility projects” to express interest in receiving California Energy Commission (CEC) cost-share funding from the Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Program through a direct award process, as authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 105.
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DISTRIBUTED ELECTRICITY BACKUP ASSETS PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: United States Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program Awardees

SUBJECT: EXTENDED DEADLINE: Soliciting Letters of Interest from Eligible Parties for Proposition 4 Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Program Cost-Share Funding (Docket No. 22-RENEW-01)

DATE: July 9, 2026

The purpose of this announcement is to identify and solicit letters of interest from specified parties eligible to receive cost-share funding from the Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Program. **The due date for submittals has been extended to July 16, 2026.**

The DEBA Program incentivizes the construction of clean distributed energy assets that will serve as on-call emergency supply or load reduction for the state's electrical grid during extreme events. Senate Bill 105 (Weiner, Ch. 104, Statutes of 2025) appropriated $46.1 million in Proposition 4 (Prop 4) funding for the DEBA Program. SB 105 also provides that at least $12.5 million of the $46.1 million "shall provide state cost sharing for water utility projects that have received awards from the United States Department of Energy [(DOE)] Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships [(GRIP)] program only if that federal funding is secure and in place," and that the CEC "may award these funds expeditiously and non-competitively."

Before the California Energy Commission (CEC) can award this DEBA Program Cost-Share Funding, prospective eligible parties must indicate their interest and basis for eligibility in writing.

If you would like to be considered for this funding, please provide a letter of interest, complete with the information described below, and email to DEBA@energy.ca.gov no later than July 16, 2026.

- What is the legal name of your entity/organization?
- What is the title of your project?
- Has this same entity/organization received an award under the DOE GRIP program for this project? (YES/NO)

  - If “YES”, please attach a copy of the Project Overview and Project Level Financial Plan submitted with your DOE GRIP program application, together with a copy of the letter or communication transmitted to your entity announcing the selection of the project.
  - If “NO”, please describe the basis for your eligibility for this cost-share funding.
- Is the agreement with the DOE executed? (YES/NO)
  - If “YES”, please attach a copy of the executed agreement.
  - If “NO”, please describe the status of the agreement execution process, including the anticipated timeline and any potential barriers to successful execution.
- Is the award for a water utility project in California? (YES/NO)
  - If “YES”, provide a short statement about the water utility project, plus any additional information necessary beyond what is included in the Project Overview, to establish the project’s eligibility for cost-share funding under Prop 4.
  - Please identify the local lead permitting agency, and succinctly describe all state and local permits, CEQA review, or other approvals for the project that you have obtained or plan on seeking.
  - *If “NO”, consider applying for the competitive funding solicitation that the DEBA Program is issuing concurrently with this cost-share solicitation.*
- Please summarize your interest and financial need for the Prop 4 DEBA Program Cost-Share Funding.
- The signatory of the Letter of Interest shall be either the Project Director identified on the DOE GRIP program application, or other individual with the authority to oversee the activities and expenditures for this project on behalf of the organization.

During CEC staff’s review of timely letters of interest, program staff may seek additional information from individual entities to verify eligibility and potentially move forward with DEBA Program Cost-Share awards. At the conclusion of this review, CEC staff will post a notice of proposed awards for the Proposition 4 Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Program Cost-Share Funding in Docket No. 22-RENEW-01. Final approval of individual awards will be proposed for consideration by the CEC at a future Business Meeting.