

Request for Interest: Technical Assistance on Establishing State Clean Energy Funds

Request for Interest: NASEO is interested in working with several State and Territory Energy Offices to develop planning and implementation strategies that states may use to leverage federal funding to establish state clean energy funds. A state clean energy fund supports the development, demonstration, and deployment of clean energy technologies. If you are interested in receiving technical assistance from NASEO on this topic, please reach out to Sam Cramer (scramer@naseo.org) by **February 23, 2024**.

NASEO is pleased to announce a suite of technical assistance efforts to assist State and Territory Energy Offices with identifying and implementing foundational steps to support the development of clean energy funds using federal funding, including exploring opportunities to braid DOE funds with other federally funded programs.

State clean energy funds can leverage federal, state, and other public dollars to mobilize private capital to invest in clean energy projects. Through their use of credit enhancements, co-investment, direct lending, or other tools, clean energy funds can help states meet Governor- or legislatively-mandated state clean energy goals. Over the next year, NASEO will engage with interested State Energy Offices to help them prepare to support clean energy technology deployment in their communities through establishing clean energy funds. Technical assistance will be customized to fit the needs of individual states, and may include, but is not limited to:

- A virtual roundtable with interested State Energy Offices to review clean energy fund structures and opportunities for states;
- Small-group and one-on-one discussions with State Energy Offices to deep-dive on key issues, including integration of WAP and LIHEAP considerations; foundational steps to support the establishment of a state or local clean energy fund, or partnership with a state energy financing institution including integration with DOE-funded financing programs; workforce impacts and needs; and promising strategies for State Energy Office-state clean energy fund coordination and collaboration;
- Direct support to states on developing project and program ideas for support by clean energy funds; and
- Summary reports highlighting innovative program and project models that states will advance through clean energy funds.

NASEO requests that interested State Energy Offices respond to this RFI by **no later than February 23, 2024**. Please send your responses to Sam Cramer, Senior Program Director at scramer@naseo.org. State Energy Offices responding to this RFI should include the following information in their responses:

- What is your current status towards establishing a statewide clean energy fund? What steps have you already taken in this process, if any?
- What is your level of interest in partnering with a state energy financing institution and potentially pursuing funding from DOE's Loan Programs Office?
- Which potential sources of funding are you looking for assistance with?
- Which of the potential technical assistance areas would you most be interested in participating/receiving?