

Join ScSEED and the USDA Tuesday Dec 8th, 8:30am-12pm, and find out how you can:

Apply & Qualify for Rural Energy for America Program & Value Added Producer Grants



USDA Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) has grants, guaranteed loans and combination grant/guaranteed loans available to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

The Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG) program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the goals of this program. You may receive priority if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. Grants are awarded through a national competition.

**Tuesday Dec 8th @ Center (Fyock) Library
8:30am-12pm**

**The library is located in the Center High School, 550 S. Sylvester Ave
Coffee and Pastries will be provided**

PRESENTER: Donald Nunn, Colorado State Office Business and Cooperative Loan Specialist and Energy Coordinator for USDA Rural Development

Prior to this position, Donald worked in both Multi-Family and Single Family Housing for Rural Development. Before joining Rural Development 7 years ago he worked at Amtrust Bank (aka Ohio Savings Bank) in their commercial loan division specializing in acquisition, development, construction loans serving small to mid-sized home builders in Colorado. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science/Ag-Business from West Texas A&M University and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Colorado. Donald is also a fifth generation Colorado Native hailing from the Eagle Valley.

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