

**Amendment offered by Rep. Vindman of Virginia**

**Amendment description**

The amendment improves REAP by streamlining the application process; enhancing outreach and TA for applicants and grantees; and establishing a REAP reserve fund.

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. VINDMAN OF VIRGINIA**

In section 9007, insert “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before “Section 9007”.

In section 9007, redesignate paragraphs (1) through (4) as paragraphs (2), (3), (6), and (8), respectively, and insert after “is amended—” the following:

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “(referred to  
2 in this section as the ‘Program’)” after “Program”;

In section 9007, after paragraph (3) (as so redesignated by the 1st provision of this amendment), insert the following:

3 (4) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), and  
4 (f) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respectively, and  
5 inserting after subsection (c) the following:

6 “(d) STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS.—The  
7 Secretary shall develop a streamlined application process,  
8 including within each tier described in subsection (c)(4),  
9 under which an entity may apply for a grant under sub-  
10 section (b), financial assistance under subsection (c), or  
11 a bundled application for a project with components eligi-  
12 ble under clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (c)(1)(A).”;

1 (5) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated)—

2 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
3 “OUTREACH” and inserting “OUTREACH,  
4 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND EDUCATION”;

5 (B) by striking “that adequate” and in-  
6 serting the following: “that—  
7 “(1) adequate”;

8 (C) in paragraph (1) (as inserted by sub-  
9 paragraph (B) of this paragraph), by striking  
10 the period at the end and inserting a semicolon;  
11 and

12 (D) by adding at the end the following:  
13 “(2) technical assistance is provided to entities  
14 seeking to apply for a grant or financial assistance  
15 under the Program; and

16 “(3) outreach, technical assistance, and edu-  
17 cation is provided to recipients of grants and other  
18 financial assistance under the Program relating to  
19 integrating renewable energy projects on land shared  
20 with crops or livestock.”.

In section 9007, in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated by the 1st provision of this amendment), strike “(f)(3)” and insert “(g)(3)”.

In section 9007, after paragraph (6) (as so redesignated by the 1st provision of this amendment), insert the following:

1           (7) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated by  
2           paragraph (4) of this section), by adding at the end  
3           the following:

4           “(4) RESERVE FUND.—

5                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds obligated  
6                   under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year , not  
7                   less than 10 percent shall be deposited in a re-  
8                   serve fund in the Treasury and reserved for use  
9                   in accordance with this subparagraph.

10           “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—

11                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
12                   shall use amounts reserved under subpara-  
13                   graph (A) to provide grants to support  
14                   projects using underutilized renewable en-  
15                   ergy technologies.

16                   “(ii) COSTS.—The amount of the  
17                   grant for such a project shall not exceed  
18                   25 percent of the installation or mainte-  
19                   nance costs of the project for the year in  
20                   which the grant is awarded.

21           “(C) FREQUENCY OF SOLICITATIONS TO  
22           FUND.—The Secretary shall carry out at least

1           2 solicitations for applications for grants from  
2           the reserve fund in each fiscal year.

3           “(D) REALLOCATION.—Any funds reserved  
4           under subparagraph (A) that remain unobli-  
5           gated 1 year after the end of the fiscal year in  
6           which made available under subparagraph (A)  
7           shall be reallocated to carry out the program  
8           established under this section.

9           “(E) DEFINITION OF UNDERUTILIZED RE-  
10          NEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.—The term  
11          ‘underutilized renewable energy technologies’  
12          means renewable energy technologies for which  
13          have been expended not more than 20 percent  
14          of the average of the total amounts made avail-  
15          able under this section for the 5 fiscal years  
16          most recently ending before the date of the en-  
17          actment of this paragraph.”

          In section 9007, in the matter to proposed to be  
added by paragraph (8) (as so redesignated by the 1st  
provision of this amendment), redesignate subsection (g)  
as subsection (h).

          At the end of section 9007, add the following:

18          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 9007 of  
19          such Act (7 U.S.C. 8107) is amended by striking “sub-

1 section (f)” each place it appears and inserting “sub-  
2 section (g)”.

