



Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) FY27 Residential and Commercial Energy Storage (RCES) Program

Type of Program:	Rebate Program (to be eligible, an upfront program reservation is required prior to installation)
Target Audience:	Residential households, commercial and nonprofit organizations
Program Webpage:	FY27 Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Program
Issue Date:	September 24, 2026
Modification Date:	Not applicable
Application Deadline:	3:00 PM Eastern Time May 31, 2027 The application portal may close earlier if budgeted funds are fully requested.
Application Submission through the My MEA online portal:	MEA.maryland.gov



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1. Program Purpose:

The Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”) FY27 Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Program (“RCES”, “Program”) provides rebates to help Maryland residents and commercial entities offset the cost of purchasing and installing an energy storage system (“energy storage system”) on their eligible property that is grid connected. RCES is codified in §9-2012 of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.¹

2. Type of Rebate Program:

This rebate program is offered statewide on a first-come, first-served basis for eligible applications through a two-step process:

- 2.1. **Upfront Rebate Reservation (Step 1):** An upfront rebate reservation must be applied for and the rebate reservation must be approved by MEA ***before*** installation of the energy storage system.
- 2.2. **Rebate Payment Request (Step 2):** Rebate payments are requested ***after*** installation and permission to operate has been granted by the utility.

See the Section 18 “Application Submission Instructions” of this FOA for further information.

Application Deadline:

3:00 PM Eastern Time May 31, 2027 through the My MEA portal. The application portal may close earlier if budgeted funds are fully requested. Please see Section 6 “Anticipated Program Budget” for more information.

4. Program Description:

The program provides a rebate using a two-step application process to offset the cost to purchase, install, and interconnect an energy storage system at a residential or commercial property.

- 4.1. An “**energy storage system**” is defined in §9–2012 of the State Government Article as “a system used to store electrical energy, or mechanical, chemical, or thermal energy that was once electrical energy,

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Laws/StatuteText?article=gsg§ion=9-2012&enactments=false>

for use as electrical energy at a later date or in a process that offsets electricity use at peak times.”

- 4.2. **“Grid connected”** means there is a physical linkage between the energy storage system itself, or the home or building where the energy storage system is installed, and the utility grid.
- 4.3. **“The contractor”** means the prime contractor that executes the Energy Storage System Contract and is responsible for the terms of the contract.
- 4.4. **“Executed Energy Storage Contract”** means the fully-executed energy storage system contract, signed by all parties, between the contractor and the energy storage customer.
- 4.5. The My MEA portal requests the name of the **“energy storage customer”**. The “energy storage customer” is the **“eligible applicant”** defined in §9–2012 of the State Government Article:
 - 4.5.1. the owner of a residential property who purchases and installs an energy storage system on the residential property;
 - 4.5.2. the owner of a commercial property who purchases and installs an energy storage system on the commercial property; or
 - 4.5.3. an individual or a business entity that owns or pays for the installation of an energy storage system that supplies electrical energy intended for use on the residential or commercial property on which the energy storage system is installed.
- 4.6. An energy storage customer has three (3) options for participating in the program:
 - 4.6.1. **Option 1:** The energy storage customer applies for and receives the rebate.
 - 4.6.2. **Option 2:** The contractor submits the application on behalf of the energy storage customer, and the energy storage customer receives the rebate. To use this option, the contractor must have the energy storage customer’s permission to submit federal tax

identification number information on their behalf, and sufficient security measures to safely handle this type of information.

4.6.3. **Option 3:** The contractor applies and receives the rebate on behalf of the energy storage customer, passing through the benefit to the energy storage customer via a discounted project price.

4.7. **“Rebate recipient”**, also known as the “funding recipient”, is the individual or organization receiving the RCES rebate payment upon submission of an eligible application through the MyMEA portal.

4.8. **“Application submitter”** is the energy storage customer or contractor submitting an RCES application through the My MEA portal.

4.9. **Application portal status terminology:**

4.9.1. **Step 1 (Upfront rebate reservation)**

4.9.1.1. **In Progress:** By starting an application for “Step 1”, the application submitter is preparing to request an upfront rebate reservation and has saved the application for later, but has not yet submitted the application to MEA;

4.9.1.2. **Step 1 Submitted:** By submitting the application for “Step 1”, the application submitter has requested an upfront rebate reservation from MEA prior to proceeding forward with the energy storage system installation;

4.9.1.3. **Step 1 In Review:** MEA is reviewing the upfront Step 1 rebate reservation request;

4.9.1.4. **Step 1 Approved:** MEA has confirmed eligibility and approved the upfront Step 1 rebate reservation. After receiving notification of this status, the energy storage system installation may proceed;

4.9.1.5. **Missing Information:** MEA has electronically notified the designated primary contact that an upfront rebate

reservation application requires additional information, additional documentation, or documentation revisions. The information or documentation must be submitted within fourteen (14) calendar days after the notification by MEA.

4.9.2. **Step 2 (Rebate payment request)**

- 4.9.2.1. **In Progress:** By starting an application for “Step 2”, the application submitter is preparing to request the rebate payment after the installation and interconnection of the energy storage system, has saved the step 2 application for later, but has not yet submitted the Step 2 application (rebate payment request) to MEA;
- 4.9.2.2. **Step 2 Submitted:** By submitting the application for “Step 2”, the application submitter has requested the rebate payment from MEA after the installation and interconnection of the energy storage system;
- 4.9.2.3. **Step 2 In Review:** MEA is reviewing the rebate payment request;
- 4.9.2.4. **Step 2 Approved:** MEA has completed the preliminary eligibility review of the rebate payment request and found the rebate payment request to be eligible for payment;
- 4.9.2.5. **Sent for Payment/Completed:** MEA has sent the rebate payment request to the Comptroller of Maryland's office for payment processing;
- 4.9.2.6. **Missing Information Step 2:** MEA has electronically notified the designated primary contact that the Step 2 rebate payment request requires additional information, additional documentation, or documentation revisions. **Missing information or documentation must be submitted within fourteen (14) calendar days after the notification by MEA;**



4.9.2.7. **Rejected:** MEA has rejected the application, because it does not meet one or more minimum eligibility requirements.

5. **Laws and Regulations:**

MEA rebate programs funded by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) are subject to section 9-20B-05 of the State Government article and the regulations found in COMAR 14.26.02. To access these regulations, click [here](#)² and use the sidebar “Table of Contents” to navigate to: Title 14 - Independent Agencies → Subtitle 26 - MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION → Chapter 02 - Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program.

Requirements for this specific Program are outlined in section [§9-2012 of the State Government Article](#).

6. **Anticipated Program Budget:**

Up to \$4,000,000 from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (“SEIF”), subject to MEA’s discretion.

See Section 9 “Eligible Activities,” Section 10 “Ineligible Applicants and Activities,” and Section 11 “Minimum Eligibility Requirements” below for the allowable uses of funding and restrictions on funding.

7. **Rebate Amount:**

7.1. The rebate amount will be calculated using the following formula:

Rebate Basis	Rebate Amount Formula	Maximum Rebate Amount
Total Project Cost (purchase, installation, and interconnection)	30% Total Project Cost	Residential Property: \$5,000 Commercial Property (Business or Nonprofit):

² [Code of Maryland Regulationshttps://dsd.maryland.gov/Pages/COMARSearch.aspx](https://dsd.maryland.gov/Pages/COMARSearch.aspx)

		\$150,000
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7.2. The My MEA online application will auto-calculate the rebate reservation amount based on the total system cost entered on the upfront rebate reservation request (Step 1). The final rebate payment will be auto-calculated based on the actual total system cost of the installed energy storage system entered and verified by supporting documentation when submitting the rebate payment request (Step 2). The final rebate amount may be less than the reserved amount but will not be more.

8. **Eligible Applicants:**

8.1. Eligible applicants are defined in §9–2012 of the State Government Article. This definition is included in Section 4.5.

8.2. The application submitter must be one of the following:

8.2.1. The energy storage customer; or

8.2.2. The contractor applying on behalf of the energy storage customer.

8.3. See Section 9 “Eligible Activities,” Section 10 “Ineligible Applicants and Activities,” and Section 11 “Minimum Eligibility Requirements” for more information about the allowable use of funds and restrictions on funding.

9. **Eligible Activities:**

9.1. Rebates discount the costs of installing an energy storage system at a residential or commercial property, including but not limited to costs associated with:

- Energy storage system equipment, including batteries, battery management systems, inverters or power conversion systems, controls, monitoring equipment, and other associated materials;
- Equipment and materials required to integrate the energy storage system with a solar PV system (but not the solar PV

system itself), including wiring, conduit, disconnects, and other balance-of-system components;

- Premium upgrades for energy storage equipment (e.g. enhanced system capacity, advanced monitoring and control capabilities);
- Premium upgrades for energy storage materials (e.g. more efficient panels;
- Permitting fees;
- Electrical work, if required for energy storage installation;
- Interconnection fees associated solely with the energy storage system, if applicable;
- Financing fees; and,
- Related labor expenses.

10. **Ineligible Applicants and Activities:**

10.1. Ineligible activities under this FOA may be eligible for other incentive programs instead. To learn more:

10.1.1. A copy of the General Notice of Intent for Fiscal Year 27 (FY27) Maryland Energy Administration Energy Programs³ is available on MEA's website [here](#).⁴

10.2. Specific ineligible activities under this FOA include but are not limited to:

10.2.1. The energy storage system is ineligible for a rebate under the FY27 RCES program if funding was secured or reserved, directly or indirectly, for the same energy storage system from the prior MEA Maryland Energy Storage Income Tax Credit program, the MEA fiscal year 2026 RCES program, or another MEA energy program providing an incentive to install an energy storage system.

10.2.2. **Grid Connection Requirement:** Any energy storage system that is

³ Please note the General Notice of Programs is provided for planning purposes only. Each individual Program Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will include specific program requirements. Program names and details may change based on the final program design and stakeholder feedback.

⁴<https://energy.maryland.gov/SiteAssets/Pages/all-incentives/ACCESSIBLE%20FY27%20General%20Notice%20of%20Upcoming%20Programs.pdf>

not grid connected, as defined in Section 4.2 of this FOA, is ineligible to receive a rebate under the Program.

- 10.2.3. **Paired Solar System Costs:** Costs specific to a paired solar photovoltaic (PV) system, such as its installation, expansion, repair, replacement, or operation, are ineligible for rebate coverage unless they are reasonably necessary for installing the energy storage system.
- 10.2.3.1. **Permanence:** Any indication of portability, including, but not limited to, temporary structures, quick-disconnect connections, unsecured equipment, wheels, carrying handles, dollies, trailers, or movable platforms—will make the system ineligible for a rebate.
- 10.2.3.2. An energy storage system installed on or in a boat, camper, recreational vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or other mobile or movable vehicle or structure is ineligible.
- 10.2.3.3. Portable power stations, removable batteries, and other equipment not permanently installed and permitted as part of the property's electrical system are also ineligible.
- 10.2.3.4. Electric vehicles are ineligible.
- 10.2.4. **Self-installation:** An energy storage system installed by an entity without all relevant certifications, licenses, and requirements is ineligible.
- 10.2.5. **Upfront Rebate Reservation Required:** An energy storage system installed before MEA approved an upfront rebate reservation is ineligible.
- 10.2.6. **Leased systems:** Leased systems incentivized under RCES shall have a term not to exceed 25 years. Leases over 25 years are ineligible for RCES.

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11. **Minimum Eligibility Requirements:** To be considered a complete application, the following requirements must be met:
- 11.1. **Ability to Comply with Fossil Fuel Policy, if applicable:** *The Fossil Fuel Policy* is provided as FOA Attachment B.
 - 11.2. **Identification for Payment:** The individual or organization receiving the rebate must provide the following information as part of the application submitted via the My MEA application portal:
 - 11.2.1. **Rebate recipient is an individual:** The rebate recipient must have an established Social Security Number, (“SSN”) or other valid individual taxpayer identification number, when the Step 1 application is submitted.
 - 11.2.2. **Rebate recipient is an organization:** The rebate recipient must have an established Employer Identification Number (“EIN”, sometimes referred to as a “taxpayer identification number,” or “TIN”) when the Step 1 application is submitted.
 - 11.3. **Property Ownership:** Documentation of property ownership of the real property where the energy storage system is being installed must be uploaded as described in Section 12 “Required Application Components: Step 1 Upfront Rebate Reservation Request.”
 - 11.4. **Permanence:** The equipment installed is intended to be in place for the duration of its useful life. This means that the energy storage system must demonstrate both physical and contractual permanence. Physical permanence is to be demonstrated by industry practice for permanently installed equipment. Equipment must be secured to a permanent surface.
 - 11.5. **Complete Application for Upfront Rebate Reservation:** A complete, accurate, and signed “Step 1 application” for an upfront rebate reservation must be submitted to MEA through the My MEA portal **BEFORE INSTALLATION** of the energy storage system. MEA must issue notification that the application was “Step 1 Approved” and funding was reserved before the installation of the energy storage system. **MEA will**
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not approve a rebate application for energy storage systems installed before the upfront rebate reservation is approved by MEA.

11.6. **Upfront Rebate Reservation Expiration Date:** The upfront rebate reservation expires after **180 calendar days** from the date MEA provides notification that the application was “Step 1 Approved” and funding was reserved. Before the expiration date of the upfront rebate reservation, the energy storage system must be 1) installed, 2) have utility Permission to Operate (PTO), and 3) the “Step 2” application submitted to request a rebate payment via the My MEA portal. Otherwise, the upfront rebate reservation expires and the application is rejected.

11.6.1. **Upfront Rebate Reservation Extension Policy:** MEA may issue an extension to this deadline for circumstances that are outside of the eligible applicant’s or application submitter’s control, or for good cause shown.

Note: A request for extension must be submitted in the My MEA online application portal, with proper written justification, to MEA **at least 30 days before the Upfront Rebate Reservation Expiration Date**, as described in Section 13 “Application Components: Rebate Reservation Extension Request.” Submission of a request for an extension does not guarantee that MEA will provide an extension. No rebate reservation will be granted an extension beyond **May 1, 2028**.

11.7. **Complete Application for Payment Request:** A complete, accurate, and signed “Step 2 application” requesting rebate payment must be submitted to MEA after the energy storage system is installed and has utility Permission to Operate.

11.8. **Project Work Restriction:** An application for a RCES rebate must be submitted to MEA, and MEA must issue notification of a Step 1 Upfront Rebate Reservation before the energy storage system can be installed.

11.9. **Energy Storage System Purchase Contracts (Outright or with Loan Financing):** If the energy storage system is purchased, the energy

storage system must be paid-in-full before the Step 2 approval of the rebate for payment. If the energy storage system purchase is financed, the application must include a fully executed financing agreement before the approval of the rebate for payment.

- 11.10. **Third-Party Owned Energy Storage Contracts:** The energy storage contract must specify that the third-party owns the energy storage system. The energy storage contractor must specify whether the energy storage customer is a lessee of the energy storage system only, or purchasing electricity through a power purchase agreement (PPA) for a combined solar plus storage system.

11.11. **Contractor:**

- 11.11.1. The energy storage customer may elect to authorize the prime contractor to apply on the customer's behalf, but may not authorize any other entity, regardless of their involvement in the project.

- 11.11.2. The energy storage customer may elect to authorize rebate payment to the prime contractor, but may not authorize payment to any other contractor, regardless of their involvement in the project.

- 11.12. If MEA determines that any activity undertaken violates or conflicts with the program requirements established in this FOA, MEA may rescind the rebate or take any other appropriate action, as determined by MEA.

12. **Required Application Components: Step 1 Upfront Rebate Reservation Request**

To receive a rebate, the following components must be included in the application. Failure to submit any of the required components may delay consideration of an application and result in rejection of the application. Each application to the Program must include the following:

- 12.1. **Application:** A complete and accurate upfront Step 1 rebate reservation request must be submitted to MEA through the My MEA online application portal and receive MEA approval prior to proceeding with the energy

storage system installation.

12.2. Self-Verification of Minimum Eligibility:

12.2.1. The application submitter must electronically sign an attestation of the following as part of the My MEA online application:

12.2.1.1. I have reviewed the Fossil Fuel Policy.

12.2.1.2. I have reviewed all requirements of this program, as specified in this Funding Opportunity Announcement.

12.2.1.3. To the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this application is complete, accurate, and true, and all work performed pursuant to a rebate shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Program, the Fossil Fuel Policy, and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and building codes.

12.2.1.4. I understand that any delinquency on State debt may result in rebate payments being intercepted by the Comptroller of Maryland after the rebate is approved for payment by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). MEA is not able to answer questions about this process. For more information, see the Liability Offset section of the [Compliance FAQs - Taxpayer Services](#) from the Comptroller of Maryland.⁵

12.3. IRS Form W9: A complete, accurate, and signed IRS Form W9 for the individual or organization that will be receiving the rebate must be uploaded as part of the application.

12.3.1. **Rebate recipient is an individual:** The IRS Form W9 name, address, and Social Security Number (“SSN”) will be used to approve the rebate. The rebate recipient’s name and address provided on the IRS Form W-9 and on the application must match,

⁵services.marylandcomptroller.gov/taxes/en/compliance-faqs?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0010052

and the address must be the billing address (rather than the project installation address or mailing address, if different). A blank copy of the most recent IRS Form W9 can be found on the [IRS Form W9 webpage](#)⁶.

12.3.2. **Rebate recipient is an organization:** The IRS Form W9 organization name, address, and employer identification number (“EIN”), sometimes referred to as a “Taxpayer Identification Number,” or “TIN”) will be used to approve the rebate. The rebate recipient’s name and address provided on the IRS Form W-9 and on the application must match, and the address must be the billing address (rather than the project installation address or mailing address, if different). A blank copy of the most recent IRS Form W9 can be found on the [IRS Form W9 webpage](#)⁷.

12.3.3. If during payment processing a discrepancy is identified between the IRS Form W-9 provided in the application and information in the State of Maryland’s financial system, additional information or documentation (e.g., a copy of a driver’s license or state identification card) may be requested prior to payment being able to be issued.

12.4. **Property Ownership Documentation:** Property ownership documentation must be provided by uploading a printout or image from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation [Real Property Data Search](#), deed, property tax bill, or other comparable documentation.

12.5. **Executed Energy Storage Contract:** The application submitter must upload a fully-executed energy storage system contract between the contractor and the energy storage customer. The execution date of the Energy Storage Contract must be no earlier than **90 days** before the date the application for an upfront rebate reservation is submitted. The executed Energy Storage Contract must be signed by both parties and must, at a minimum, contain all information, terms, and disclosures

⁶ irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9

⁷ irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9

required by the applicable RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form. The terms and conditions of the executed energy storage contract must not violate or conflict with any terms and conditions of the Program or any applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and building codes.

- 12.6. **Manufacturer Specification Sheets & NRTL Certifications:** The application submitter must upload manufacturer specification sheets and documentation demonstrating that the energy storage system is certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)⁸. Submitted documents must clearly identify the manufacturer, model number, and name plate capacity.
- 12.7. **Signed RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form:** The application submitter must upload a complete and accurate RCES Authorizations and Disclosures Form. The form and all applicable sections must be **signed** **by** the contractor and by the energy storage customer.
- 12.7.1. This form has four sections:
- 12.7.1.1. **Section 1: Energy Storage Contract Disclosures:**
Summarizes key terms, costs, and conditions of the energy storage contract.
- 12.7.1.2. **Section 2: Applicant & Rebate Recipient Designations:**
- 12.7.1.2.1. Identifies whether the energy storage customer or the contractor is submitting the RCES application. If applicable, provides authorization for the contractor to submit the application on behalf of the energy storage customer. This includes the authorization of sharing personal identifying information such as social security numbers.
- 12.7.1.2.2. Identifies whether the RCES rebate will be paid to the energy storage customer or paid to the contractor. If applicable, provides authorization for the State of

Maryland to disburse the rebate payment to the contractor.

12.7.1.3. **Section 3: Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Education**

Acknowledgement: The energy storage customer acknowledges receipt and review of information regarding pilot utility-run Virtual Power Plant (“VPP”) programs established under the DRIVE Act of 2024⁹. Customers with Energy Storage Systems are encouraged to learn about and consider potential enrollment in a pilot VPP program when available. Information about VPPs that are under development in Maryland can be found in Attachment C of this FOA.

12.7.1.4. **Section 4: Acknowledgements:** The energy storage customer and the contractor each acknowledge they have reviewed and understand the RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form and the terms of the energy storage contract. The contractor acknowledges responsibility for compliance with the terms and conditions of the Program, including the Fossil Fuel Policy and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and building codes. Customer acknowledges that the project is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Program.

12.7.2. There are two versions of this form. The application submitter should select which form to use based on the type of energy storage contract:

12.7.2.1. ***The RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form - Energy Storage System Purchase (Outright Purchase or with Loan Financing)*** is provided as FOA Attachment A1 and is available to download from the [My MEA portal for the RCES Program](#).

⁹ <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb1256?ys=2024rs>

12.7.2.2. ***The RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form - Lease Agreement*** is provided as FOA Attachment A2 and is available to download from the [My MEA portal for the RCES Program](#).

12.8. If necessary to confirm that the requirements of Section 12 have been met, a request for additional information or supporting documentation may be made by MEA.

13. Required Application Components: Rebate Reservation Extension Request (if applicable)

The upfront rebate reservation expires after **180 calendar days** from the date MEA notifies that the application was “Step 1 Approved” and funding was reserved. **If an extension is needed, a request for extension must be submitted in the My MEA online application portal, with proper written justification, to MEA at least 30 days before the Upfront Reservation Expiration Date.** Extensions are awarded for reasons outside of the energy storage customer’s or the contractor’s control. Submission of a rebate reservation extension request does not guarantee that MEA will provide an extension. The request for an extension may result in a rejected application if the extension request is denied, and an eligible applicant may choose to reapply. The following application components are required with a rebate reservation extension request:

13.1. A detailed justification outlining the reason for extension (e.g., permitting delays, inspection delays, etc.). Please include as much relevant information as possible to help support your request.

14. Required Application Components: Rebate Reservation Modification Request (if applicable)

If the terms of an energy storage contract change in any way, a request for rebate reservation modification must be submitted in the My MEA online application portal **before installation** of the energy storage system. **Submission of a request for rebate reservation modification does not guarantee that MEA will approve the rebate reservation modification.**

The request may result in a rejected application and an eligible applicant may choose to reapply. MEA may reject a request for modification and require a new application for changes that include, but are not limited to: changing contractor, energy storage contract type, project location, or funding recipient.

The following application components are required with a rebate reservation modification request:

- 14.1. **Change Order or New Executed Energy Storage Contract:** A new executed energy storage contract or change order must be uploaded. The new executed energy storage contract or change order contract must be signed by the energy storage customer and the contractor. The terms and conditions of the new executed energy storage contract must not violate or conflict with the terms and conditions of the Program or any applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and building codes.
- 14.2. **Manufacturer Specification Sheets & NRTL Certifications (If applicable):** If the energy storage system make or model has changed, manufacturer specification sheets and documentation demonstrating that the energy storage system is certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)¹⁰ must be uploaded. Submitted documents must clearly identify the manufacturer, model number, name plate capacity, and NRTL certifications.
- 14.3. **Signed RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form:** An updated RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form must also be uploaded. The form and all applicable sections must be **signed by** a representative of the contractor and by the energy storage customer. *The RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form* is provided as FOA Attachment A1 (Outright Purchase or with Loan Financing) or A2 (Energy Storage System Lease Agreement) and is available to download from the [My MEA portal for the RCES Program](#).

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15. Required Application Components: Step 2: Request for Rebate Payment

To receive a rebate, the following components must be included in the Step 2: Request for Rebate Payment. Failure to submit any of the required components may result in the application being considered incomplete, resulting in the delay or rejection of the rebate application. Each application to the Program must include the following:

15.1. **Application:** The application submitter must provide a complete and accurate rebate payment request from MEA through the My MEA online application portal.

15.2. **Self-Verification of Minimum Eligibility:**

15.2.1. The application submitter must electronically sign an attestation of the following as part of the My MEA online application:

15.2.1.1. I have reviewed the Fossil Fuel Policy.

15.2.1.2. I have reviewed all requirements of this program, as specified in this Funding Opportunity Announcement.

15.2.1.3. To the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this application is complete, accurate, and true, and all work performed pursuant to a rebate shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Program, the Fossil Fuel Policy, and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and building codes.

15.2.1.4. I understand that any delinquency on State debt may result in rebate payments being intercepted by the Comptroller of Maryland after the rebate is approved for payment by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). MEA is not able to answer questions about this process. For more information, see the Liability Offset section of the [Compliance FAQs](#) -

[Taxpayer Services](#) from the Comptroller of Maryland.¹¹

- 15.3. **Permission to Operate (PTO):** The application submitter must upload documentation from the utility that gives the energy storage system permission to operate. This documentation must be dated after the Rebate Reservation date. Systems installed prior to a Rebate Reservation are ineligible for a rebate.
- 15.4. **Photos of the completed energy storage system:** The application submitter must upload clear photos of the mounted energy storage system to show completed installation.
- 15.5. **Demonstration of Financial Obligations:** The application submitter must upload documentation demonstrating any financial obligations associated with the executed Energy Storage Contract at the time of energy storage system installation and operation have been met. Proof of financial obligations met could include:
- 15.5.1. Paid-in-full invoices for any payments or deposits due at the time of install or due at the time of interconnection;
- 15.5.2. Executed financing or energy storage contracts for future payment obligations not yet due.
- 15.6. If necessary to confirm that the requirements of Section 15 have been met, a request for additional information or supporting documentation may be made by MEA.
16. **Review Process:**
- 16.1. MEA will evaluate each application. The evaluation includes review steps described below.
- 16.1.1. **Program Staff Eligibility Review:** The MEA Program Staff reviews the application for eligibility according to this FOA.

¹¹services.marylandcomptroller.gov/taxes/en/compliance-faqs?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0010052

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- 16.1.2. **Missing Information Policy:** MEA will electronically notify the designated primary contact if an application requires additional information, additional documentation, or documentation revisions. The application submitter, or designated primary contact, must submit the missing information or documentation within fourteen (14) calendar days after notification by MEA through the My MEA online application portal following instructions detailed in Section 18 “Application Submission Instructions.” Failure to submit the requested information within the 14 day deadline may result in a rejected application. Eligible applicants may choose to reapply.
17. **Payment of Rebate:**
- 17.1. Rebate payments are typically sent as a check through the mail. However, rebate program participants may elect to receive an ACH payment.
- 17.1.1. If you have previously received ACH payments from the State, please confirm your banking information is current by calling 410-260-7813.
- 17.1.2. If you have not previously set up ACH payment and wish to do so, you may complete the ACH registration process online on the Comptroller of Maryland’s website (<https://marylandcomptroller.jotform.com/team/public/GADX10>).
- 17.2. **1099-G form:** Rebates issued by the State of Maryland may be taxable and may result in the issuance of a 1099-G form to the rebate recipient. As the MEA is unable to give tax advice, any tax-related questions should be directed toward a qualified tax professional.
18. **Application Submission Instructions:**
- 18.1. Applications must be submitted using the [My MEA online application portal](#). Applications submitted via mail (paper applications) or email will not be accepted.
- 18.1.1. Application submitters are required to submit an application for an
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upfront rebate reservation before installation (Step 1), and a rebate payment request after installation and interconnection (Step 2).

- 18.1.2. If needed, application submitters are required to submit through the My MEA portal: (a) missing information or documentation, (b) a rebate reservation extension request, or (c) a rebate reservation modification request.

18.2. To apply using My MEA for an upfront rebate reservation (Step 1):

- 18.2.1. Navigate to the My MEA Portal for the RCES program [here](#)¹² and select 'Login' on the top right of the page.

18.2.1.1. For New Users: See Section 18.2.2 below.

18.2.1.2. For Existing Users: Select the 'Login' button and enter your existing username and password (continue to Section 18.2.3).

- 18.2.2. Create an account by following the instructions on the page.

18.2.2.1. The type of account used for submitting the application should reflect the desired option for participating in the program as detailed in Section 4.6 of this FOA. You will receive a welcome email once your account is created.

18.2.2.1.1. Option 1: The energy storage customer applies for and receives the rebate.

18.2.2.1.1.1. **If the energy storage customer is a homeowner:** The energy storage customer creates a "Resident" account through the My MEA online application portal. The energy storage customer submits an RCES application.

18.2.2.1.1.2. **If the energy storage customer is an organization (business or nonprofit):** The

¹² [Apply for a program at mea.maryland.gov](https://mea.maryland.gov)

energy storage customer creates an “Organization” account through the My MEA online application portal. The energy storage customer submits an RCES application.

- 18.2.2.1.2. **Option 2: The contractor applies on behalf of the energy storage customer and the energy storage customer receives the rebate.** To use this option, the contractor must have the energy storage customer’s permission to submit federal tax identification number information on their behalf, and sufficient security measures to safely handle this type of information.

The Contractor creates a “Contractor” account through the My MEA online application portal (or logs in with their existing account). The contractor submits an RCES application on behalf of the energy storage customer, selecting residential or commercial based on the type of property being installed.

- 18.2.2.1.3. **Option 3: The contractor applies for and receives the rebate, passing through the benefit to the energy storage customer via discounted project price.** The Contractor creates a “Contractor” account through the My MEA online application portal (or logs in with their existing account). The contractor submits an RCES application on behalf of the energy storage customer, selecting residential or commercial based on the type of property being installed.

- 18.2.3. Click the ‘View More Details’ button from the main page to access the RCES Program details page.
- 18.2.4. Click the ‘Apply for Step 1’ button to begin your RCES Step 1 rebate reservation application.

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- 18.2.5. Complete the application with the required information using the information listed in the energy storage contract. An application can be saved for later.
 - 18.2.6. Upload all the required documents.
 - 18.2.7. Application submitters can track application status in the My MEA portal and may receive update emails as necessary.
- 18.3. **To apply using My MEA for a rebate payment request (Step 2):**
- 18.3.1. Log into your My MEA account. The account used for the Step 2 rebate payment request must be the same account used to submit the Step 1 rebate reservation.
 - 18.3.2. Click the 'View More Details' button for the RCES Program from the main page to log in to your account and access the RCES Program details page.
 - 18.3.3. Click the 'Apply for Step 2' button to begin your Step 2 rebate payment application. Navigate to your RCES application.
 - 18.3.4. Complete the Step 2 application with the required information using the information listed in the energy storage contract. An application can be saved for later.
 - 18.3.5. Upload all the required documents.
 - 18.3.6. Application submitters can track application status in the My MEA portal and may receive update emails as necessary.
- 18.4. **To submit using MyMEA (a) missing information or documentation, (b) a rebate reservation extension request, or (c) a rebate reservation modification request:**
- 18.4.1. Navigate to the My MEA Portal [here](#)¹³ and select 'Login' on the top right of the page. Log in using password, if necessary.

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- 18.4.2. Click the 'View More Details' button for the RCES Program from the main page to access the RCES Program details page.
 - 18.4.3. Click 'Manage My Application' to submit missing documents, request an extension, or request a reservation modification.
 - 18.4.3.1. To submit Missing Information select 'Provide Missing Information to my Submitted Application.'
 - 18.4.3.2. To submit an Extension Request select 'Request an Extension.'
 - 18.4.3.3. To submit a Reservation Modification select 'Request a Modification to my Approved Application.'
19. **Additional Rebate Terms and Conditions:**
- 19.1. **MEA Access to Project Site:**
 - 19.1.1. Upon reasonable notice, a rebate recipient shall make the project site available to MEA or its representatives for at least three years from the date of payment to enable verification that project requirements are fully satisfied or to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program.
 - 19.1.2. If the project site is controlled by a third party, for at least three years and upon reasonable notice the rebate recipient shall be responsible for obtaining written permission from the third party to allow MEA access to the project site.
 - 19.2. **Location within Maryland:** The project must be located in Maryland.
 - 19.3. **Nondiscrimination Provision:** A business applicant must comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of federal and Maryland law and certifies that its Constitution, by-laws, or policies prohibit illegal discrimination.
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19.4. **Compliance with Relevant Certifications, Licenses, And Requirements**

19.4.1. The rebate recipient shall be responsible for compliance with the following:

19.4.1.1. All work performed for the project shall be carried out by staff and contractors holding all necessary Maryland certifications and licenses. Any business or non-profit organization operating in Maryland with which the rebate recipient contracts or partners to carry out the purposes of the project shall be registered and in good standing with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, if applicable.

19.4.2. All work performed for the project shall comply with all applicable local, State, and federal building codes and other applicable laws and regulations.

19.5. **False Statement or Report:** A person may not knowingly make or cause to be made any false statement or report in any document required to be furnished by MEA in relation to the Program. For a SEIF-funded program, any violation of this provision is a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$50,000.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both, as specified in State Government Article §9-20B-11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

19.6. **Maryland Saved Harmless:** To the extent allowed by Maryland law, and subject to appropriations if applicable, the rebate recipient agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold MEA harmless from and against any and all damages, claims, lawsuits, actions, and reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses, in whatever form, arising from or related to the rebate. MEA expressly reserves the right of any immunity MEA or its employees may possess under State or federal law.

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- 19.7. **Environmental Standards and Liability:** As relevant to the project, the rebate recipient shall ascertain and comply with all applicable Environmental Standards, monitor compliance, and immediately halt and correct any incident of non-compliance.
- 19.8. **Maryland Public Information Act; Use of Project Information:** In accordance with Section 4-501(c)(3) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, MEA is required to advise of the following:
- 19.8.1. The information being requested by the Application is necessary to document the completion of the project and to ensure installation of a qualifying energy storage system.
 - 19.8.2. Failure to provide all required information will result in cancellation of your Rebate application and ends any obligation to you under this program.
 - 19.8.3. Upon submission for payment, some of this information will be provided to other agencies of the State to process the payment of the Rebate.
 - 19.8.4. Unless otherwise provided by law or court order, portions of the information provided may be subject to disclosure upon request for inspection under Maryland's Public Information Act. To the extent permitted by law, personal information will not be disclosed except for the purpose of processing a rebate application.
- 19.9. **Project Location Workforce Requirement for SEIF-funded Rebates:** A SEIF-funded rebate shall comply with State Government Article § 9-20B-05, Annotated of Maryland, which requires that at least 80 percent of workers participating in a project or program that receives money from the SEIF must reside within 50 miles of the project or program. As the Program is a statewide program, MEA will determine compliance based on whether at least 80 percent of worksite workers reside in Maryland, or within 50 miles of Maryland's borders.
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- 19.10. **Maryland Law Prevails:** The internal laws of Maryland shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of the rebate, except for any choice of law provisions utilized by Maryland.
- 19.11. MEA does not provide tax information or tax advice. Questions should be directed to a qualified tax professional.
- 19.12. If MEA determines that any activity is inconsistent with the Program terms and conditions, MEA may rescind the rebate or take any other appropriate action, as determined by MEA.
20. **Questions:**
Any questions not answered by this FOA can be directed to MEA by sending an email to energystorage.mea@maryland.gov.
21. **Attachments:**
- 21.1. Attachment A1: RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form - Energy Storage System Purchase (Outright Purchase or with Loan Financing Agreements)
 - 21.2. Attachment A2: RCES Authorizations & Disclosures Form - Energy Storage System Lease Agreement
 - 21.3. Attachment B: MEA's Fossil Fuel Policy
 - 21.4. Attachment C: Information about Virtual Power Plant (VPP) pilots under development in Maryland