

Question and Answer Guide – Informational Webinar 8/27/24

Heat Recovery Project Development PON 5547

Program links:

- [Solicitation for Categories 1,2,4](#)
- [Solicitation for Category 3](#)
- [Solicitation for Heat Recovery Solutions \(RFQL 5217\)](#)
- [Heat Recovery Project Development Program Webpage](#)
- Contact HeatRecovery@nyseda.ny.gov

Question	Answer
If we have already applied for Category 1, can we still apply for Category 3 as well?	Yes, you can participate in Category 1 and 2 to develop the project and design and then propose for Category 3.
Does the “non-stackability” criteria exclude receipt of incentives from any other NYSERDA Clean Energy Fund program or only those that are for the same waste heat recovery measures?	Projects that have received or plan to receive incentives from other programs in the Clean Energy Fund or utility administered incentives are not eligible to receive funding for the same measures and activities within the Heat Recovery Program . For example, Projects receiving installation funding to install an exhaust heat recovery solution through the Clean Heat Program will not be eligible for an award for a Category 3 Demonstration through the Heat Recovery Program. Receipt of funding from federally funded programs will not impact eligibility for Heat Recovery Program funding, but all planned incentives and grants should be documented within the Project proposal.
Will recovering heat from space cooling and storing it for later domestic hot water usage qualify for Category 3? We will be recovering heat from a building's condenser water loop using it to heat domestic hot water using a water-to-water heat pump.	The project described could be eligible under thermal storage if all the requirements are met. To be eligible, the design must show how much additional real-world capacity the tanks have above the minimum required for the thermal hot water build-up to support the design intent's DHW usage profile at the site. This extra capacity can then be available “to downsize the heating and cooling load and also to provide grid services” of the site. This requirement for hot water storage is

	<p>in addition to the "small commercial buildings, hospitals, and industrial facilities or to lower overall energy costs for tenants in Affordable Multifamily Housing" requirement.</p> <p>Please review the "Category 3 Eligible Projects" table from page 10 of the Program Summary found on Heat Recovery Project Development - Category 3 Demonstration (PON 5547).</p>
<p>Are you able to dig a bit into what type of EM&V is required for these projects? Is there any preference for having reporting done by a 3rd party (i.e. not the installer/OEM)?</p>	<p>There will be EM&V requirement for the awarded projects, ideally it will be a 3rd party doing it.</p>
<p>Would power generation from waste heat for use onsite be eligible under any of the solution categories? what about for use offsite or grid injection?</p>	<p>This would need to be combined with high-temperature heat pumps to fit one of the category 3 solution type.</p>
<p>Does a full feasibility study/flextech study have to have been completed or would an internal narrative and savings analysis for the proposed project be sufficient?</p>	<p>The feasibility study prerequisite for Category 3 does not have to be a FlexTech study; internal narrative and savings analysis is acceptable. We need to understand the logic for the owner moving forward with the project.</p>
<p>You mentioned that there will be future funding rounds in 2025. How are those funded? If Round 1 is over-subscribed, is it possible that all funds are allocated in Round 1 preventing future rounds?</p>	<p>We anticipate that we will have 2 rounds of awards in 2025 in addition to the first round in 2024, and will update the program website and documents accordingly.</p>
<p>How much heat does a data center need to be producing in order to qualify? Is there a limit or a threshold?</p>	<p>There is no specific limit or threshold stated in the PON but it is part of the evaluation criteria. How much waste heat is being reused and the resulting impact on energy and emissions reductions will be used to evaluate and score your proposal.</p>
<p>Is a major renovation and addition to an existing building still eligible OR would that be considered new construction?</p>	<p>A major renovation could be eligible. Please reach out to us with the details.</p>
<p>Is there a teaming list that folks can sign up for?</p>	<p>No. If you are looking for consultants to work with, you can refer to NYSERDA's qualified vendors lists, such as the FlexTech approved vendors list.</p>
<p>Any facility in NYS is eligible? Does this include facilities in LIPA service area?</p>	<p>If there are any projects that do not pay the electric System Benefit Charge (SBC), please reach out because we may have funding to support projects that do not pay into the SBC.</p>
<p>Are there any specific metrics or other scoring methodologies that applicants should be</p>	<p>Please refer to the Program Summary and Category 3 Proposal Template found on Heat</p>

aware of to address when submitting proposals?	Recovery Project Development - Category 3 Demonstration (PON 5547) .
Are NYCHA facilities eligible?	If there are any projects that do not pay the electric System Benefit Charge (SBC), please reach out because we may have funding to support projects that do not pay into the SBC.
Will Category 3 funds be released on a rolling basis, or will no decision be made until after Nov 7?	Proposals will not be awarded on a rolling basis for Category 3. All Round 1 proposals will be evaluated by NYSERDA as a single group, after the November 7, 2024 deadline. All awarded proposals will be notified at the same time.
Is there a cap to what the incentive can cover, similar to the 75% for category 1?	The Category 3 maximum award is \$2M. There is not a specified owner cost-share requirement, but owner cost-share is an evaluation criteria under cost-effectiveness, so the owner's cost share and funding stack will be evaluated.
Are Category 1 or FlexTech the only avenues to satisfy the pre-requisite study to be eligible, or would other service providers be eligible to provide these studies?	No, Category 1 and FlexTech are not the only avenues to satisfy the pre-requisite feasibility study. Other studies are acceptable. We need to understand the logic for the owner moving forward with the project.
Will these slides be available after the presentation?	Yes
Do these qualified manufacturers have a commercial product available and can we see the list of manufacturers and their products so we know what is coming or available?	Yes, the list of qualified manufacturers is posted here and is regularly updated.
Must Category 4 companies be domiciled in NY, or can the marketing effort be target at NY customer base?	Category 4 companies do not have to be domiciled in NYS. Please see "Category 4: Manufacturer Growth Initiative Requirements" on page 11 of the Program Summary , posted on Heat Recovery Project Development - Categories 1,2,& 4 (PON 5547) .
Are manufacturers reps eligible to apply for Category 4?	Yes, you can but in tandem with the product manufacturer.
Is it correct that any other Clean Heat program incentives would make this ineligible for Category 3?	Yes, if you received implementation funding from the Clean Heat program for a particular measure, you are not eligible for category 3 funding for the same measure.