

Application Criteria

Applications will be evaluated under the general criteria outlined below. The U-Save Energy Efficiency Fund (U-Save) Manager will make the final decision and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications submitted. The U-Save Manager is not obligated to execute a loan agreement on the basis of this Request for Application (RFA). The U-Save Manager shall not pay for any costs incurred by any entity in responding to this RFA. The U-Save Manager and the Governor’s Office of Energy Development (OED) may request additional information at any time if deemed necessary for further evaluation. General evaluation criteria are as follows and as set forth in the application instructions.

No.	Question	Maximum Points Available
1.	Is a completed Energy Assessment Report, a commissioning report, or an approved audit included with this application? Note, one of the documents above is required to be eligible for a U-Save loan.	20
2.	Is the composite simple payback for the project Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) less than or equal to 12 years? Note, the maximum payback period for an eligible U-Save loan is 12 years.	5
3.	Is the simple payback for each ECM less than the estimated useful life of that measure? Note, the simple payback for each ECM must be less than the estimated useful life of that measure to be eligible for a U-Save loan.	Not Applicable for Points (N/A)
4.	If the project is an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) which requires the submittal of an Energy Assessment Report (see question 1), is a Measurement and Verification (M+V) Plan submitted with this application? Note, if the project is an ESPC, a Measurement and Verification plan is required to be eligible for a U-Save loan.	N/A
5.	If the project is an ESPC, has the applicant stated that the M+V complies with International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol? Note, if the project is an ESPC, a Measurement and Verification plan is required to be eligible for a U-Save loan.	N/A
6.	How long is the estimated simple project payback? Note, more points are assigned to projects with a shorter payback period.	20

7.	How many ECMs are included in the project? (Note, the ECMs are by category (e.g., lighting, HVAC, controls, etc.) and not by location (e.g., building 1 lighting, building 2 lighting, etc.) Note, more points are assigned to projects with more ECMs.	15
8.	Does the project incorporate renewable technologies? Note, more points are assigned to projects that incorporate renewable technologies.	5
9.	Does the applicant's team have licensed professional engineers (PE) with demonstrated work experience on the design of similar projects? Note, if the team does not have a licensed professional engineer, the applicant needs to demonstrate how they will satisfy the requirement to work with a licensed professional engineer. An audit from a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission of Utah is acceptable in lieu of an energy analysis performed by a Utah licensed Professional Engineer.	N/A
10.	Does the applicant's team have other team members that have demonstrated work experience on the planning and construction of similar projects? Note, if the team does not have work experience on similar projects, the applicant needs to demonstrate how they will successful carry out the project.	N/A
11.	Does the applicant have the ability to comply with all federal compliance requirements listed below? Provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy American Provision http://www1.eere.energy.gov/recovery/buy_american_provision.html • Davis Bacon Act http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/pdfs/dba_clauses_non_wap.pdf • National Historic Preservation Act http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/pdfs/historic_preservation_program_guidance.pdf • National Environmental Policy Act http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/nepa_guidance.html Note, more points are assigned to projects that can demonstrate ability to comply with all federal compliance requirements.	15
12.	What is the name of the county and the county population where project retrofit activities will take place? Note, more points are assigned to projects conducted in rural counties.	20