

The Oak Hill Fund
PV on Campus: Request for Proposals
(March 18th, 2014 – June 2nd, 2014)

Please note, as the 2014 RFP is complete the application process is closed.

The Oak Hill Fund is interested in supporting two (2) universities, community colleges, or private colleges in the state of Virginia with respect to building a “model” solar panel (PV) installation on their campus. Our primary goal is to show significant support for the new PPA (power purchase agreement) pilot program, and to inspire further development of a viable solar market in Virginia.

HB 2334 Solar-powered or wind-powered electricity generation facility; SCC to conduct pilot program, etc.

Renewable energy power purchase agreements. Directs the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to conduct a pilot program in a certain utility's service territory. Under the pilot program, a person that owns or operates a solar-powered or wind-powered electricity generation facility with a capacity between 50 kilowatts and one megawatt that is located on premises owned or leased by an eligible customer-generator will be allowed to sell the electricity generated from such facility exclusively to the eligible customer-generator under a power purchase agreement. The power purchase agreement will provide for third party financing of the costs of the renewable generation facility. The minimum size requirement does not apply to certain nonprofit entities. The SCC shall establish guidelines concerning aspects of the pilot program by December 1, 2013.

The Oak Hill Fund will award two (2) - \$100,000 grants to qualifying non-profits in Virginia to install PV systems on their campus. Groups that leverage this award with additional private capital will be given preference. Additionally, efforts made to publicize and celebrate the project(s) are preferred.

Criteria & Guidelines:

- Virginia 501(c)(3) organizations or equivalent
- Online applications only, no paper applications will be accepted
- Applicants must have prior written approval from their respective governing boards, in support of developing a PV system on campus.
- Applicants must utilize the power purchase agreement model with a third party in accordance with VA Code Chapter 382 of the 2013 Virginia Acts of Assembly.
- Applicants must follow the State Corporation Commission guidelines for PPA installations found in Attachment A here http://www.scc.virginia.gov/pue/ppa/ppa_order.pdf
- Applications will be reviewed at the end of a 75 day period. Please see the attached timing schedule.
- No more than 20% of the award should be used for pre-development/planning of the projects.
- Multiple projects can be bundled into one proposal, keeping in mind the amount awarded will not be changed.

Deadline:

Proposals are due no later than 5pm EST Monday June 2, 2014. *Please note, as the 2014 RFP is complete the application process is closed.*

Decision Process:

Decisions will be made without feedback or justification. All decisions are final. Site visits may be requested prior to the award. We plan to announce the winning institutions on our website in July, 2014. We reserve the right to hold non-winning applications for potential future support.

Questions:

We strongly encourage you to review the entire online application before contacting us. The website contains a Frequently Asked Questions document.