

REACH – Further guidance for communities

Question	Answer
How well established does the project need to be?	The project doesn't need to be already underway in any form. We're interested in hearing from projects at all stages. Though those that are more developed may be selected above those that aren't.
Does the project have to be physical? (i.e. involving deployment of technology). Can it be educational (e.g., sharing experiences with other people)	Yes, it does need to be a physical project. But there could be an element of learning/ education related to the project.
Is it possible to get some clearer criteria on what projects should apply?	The programme that Regen is delivering with NGED is focussed on supporting rural area to decarbonize ahead of grid upgrades. As such as we are looking for projects that are seeking to deliver decarbonization (e.g., clean heating, electrical vehicles, storage, or some combination of these with generation). We are particularly interested in solutions that can be delivered without extensive network upgrades, overcoming the issue of long connection timeframes as many rural areas have experienced. We are not seeking generation projects, though we are interested in projects that seek to co-location generation with heating / EV / storage, or that leverage existing generation to support the deployment of other assets.
How are you defining rural?	We are interested in projects for small villages and hamlets, but not towns. NGED are trying to address specific challenges where communities are connected to the network via a single 11kV connection. However, as most people may not have this information, we are interested in hearing from anyone looking deliver a project in a small village or hamlet (ideally less than 100 homes).

<p>Can I apply for more than one project? / Can we make a consortium bid?</p>	<p>Yes, the best way is to fill out the form multiple times and make a note that it is part of a consortium response. However, note that each project will be considered individually. In your response, make it clear how the consortium will benefit the individual projects.</p>
<p>Is there a certain size of project in MW or budget that is appropriate?</p>	<p>No upper or lower limit, we're open to all sizes of projects. But note, EV and Heat solutions will have a minimum size to be commercially viable.</p>
<p>Does it have to be one project/installation, or could it be a series of discrete packages (e.g. lots of heat pumps in different parishes)?</p>	<p>Packaging various technologies together in one location is of interest. Different sites should submit individual responses but make note of possible coordinated approaches.</p>