Loan Program Title: Title 17 Clean Energy Financing Program for State Energy Financing Institutions (1703)

Funding Agency: Loan Programs Office

Brief Description: Title 17’s State Energy Financing Institution (SEFI) lending authority can be used to augment state-administered clean energy programs, providing additional financial support to projects that align federal energy priorities with those of U.S. states. Eligibility: To qualify, a SEFI-supported project should receive meaningful financial support or credit enhancements from a SEFI. A demonstration of meaningful financial support or credit enhancements will be determined by LPO on a case-by-case basis taking into account the circumstances of the State and the position of SEFI support in the capital stack.

Eligible Project Types:
The following concepts describe hypothetical projects that could qualify for a SEFI loan guarantee, for the purpose of illustrating the types of projects that LPO would consider.

1. Energy improvements for residential housing
2. Community solar to expand access.
3. Facilities related to decarbonized industrial products.
4. High-quality new housing construction
5. Energy-efficient and/or grid-interactive devices

SEFI-supported projects are exempt from Title 17’s innovation requirement, so long as the projects are from a 1703 eligible technology category and receive meaningful financial support or credit enhancements from a SEFI

Please Note: 1703 Projects Require at Least One Eligible Technology

Loan Size and Eligible Project Costs:
The total amount of a Title 17 loan may not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the reasonably anticipated eligible Project Costs, although loans have commonly been in the range of 40-60% of Project Costs. Project Costs are defined in the Title 17 Regulation as the costs, including escalation and contingencies, that are expended or accrued by a Borrower and are necessary, reasonable, customary, and directly related to the design, engineering, financing, construction, startup, commissioning, and shakedown of an Eligible Project.

Link to loan Program: https://www.energy.gov/lpo/title-17-clean-energy-financing