



# Renew America's Nonprofits - Program Overview

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# Overview: Nonprofit Sector Need



There are approximately **1.5 million 501(c)(3) nonprofits** in the U.S.

Nonprofits employ **more than 10%** of the workforce – more than **12.4 million workers**.



Energy costs are the **second largest operational expense** for nonprofits behind salaries.



Many nonprofits serve **disadvantaged populations**.

Citizens and communities are **deeply connected** to nonprofits as beneficiaries, volunteers, and donors.



Strong, resilient communities need **strong nonprofits**.

**Energy cost savings** can redirect limited funds to their **mission-critical work**.

# Renew America's Nonprofits – BIL Provision 40542

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**Competitive grant program for energy improvements at 501(c)(3) nonprofits**

**Funding:** \$50 million in FY 2022, available until expended

**Qualifying Energy Improvements:** Energy-efficiency materials (e.g., HVAC, lighting, controls). Renewable technologies are NOT funded under this provision.

**Eligible Entities:** Building(s) owned and operated by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization(s).

# Renew America's Nonprofits: Aggregator Model



**SCEP**

STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS



## PRIME RECIPIENT

Prime recipients are 501(c)(3) organizations and will build a portfolio of subrecipients. There is the option to form relationships with partners for additional support.



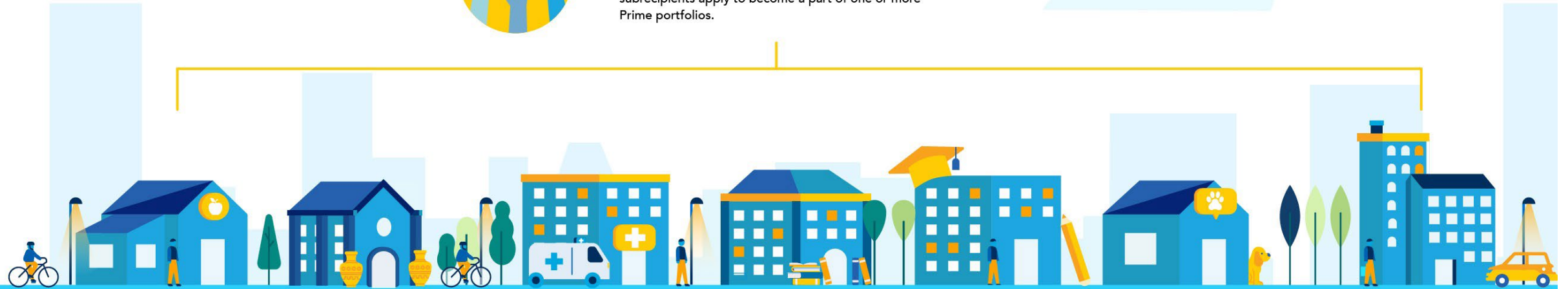
## PARTNER

Partners complement the services of Prime recipients to curate, manage projects, and communicate with members of the Prime portfolios.



## SUBRECIPIENT

After the Prime recipients are announced, potential subrecipients apply to become a part of one or more Prime portfolios.



# 2023 Renew America's Nonprofits Award

*In October 2023, DOE announced \$45 million for 9 prime recipients leading energy efficiency portfolios.*

- **Award Impacts:**

- 9 Primes will support **300+ nonprofit buildings** with efficiency upgrades, to be solar-ready and well-positioned for elective pay
- Starting new **workforce development** programs
- Projected retrofits in **28 states**, DC, and 2 territories.

- **DOE Investment :**

- Low-income housing & Unhoused; Healthcare & Emergency Response; Food Banks; Refugee support & Domestic violence; Faith-based organizations **“For every \$1 donated, the public receives about \$3 in benefits”** - *Greatnonprofits.org*

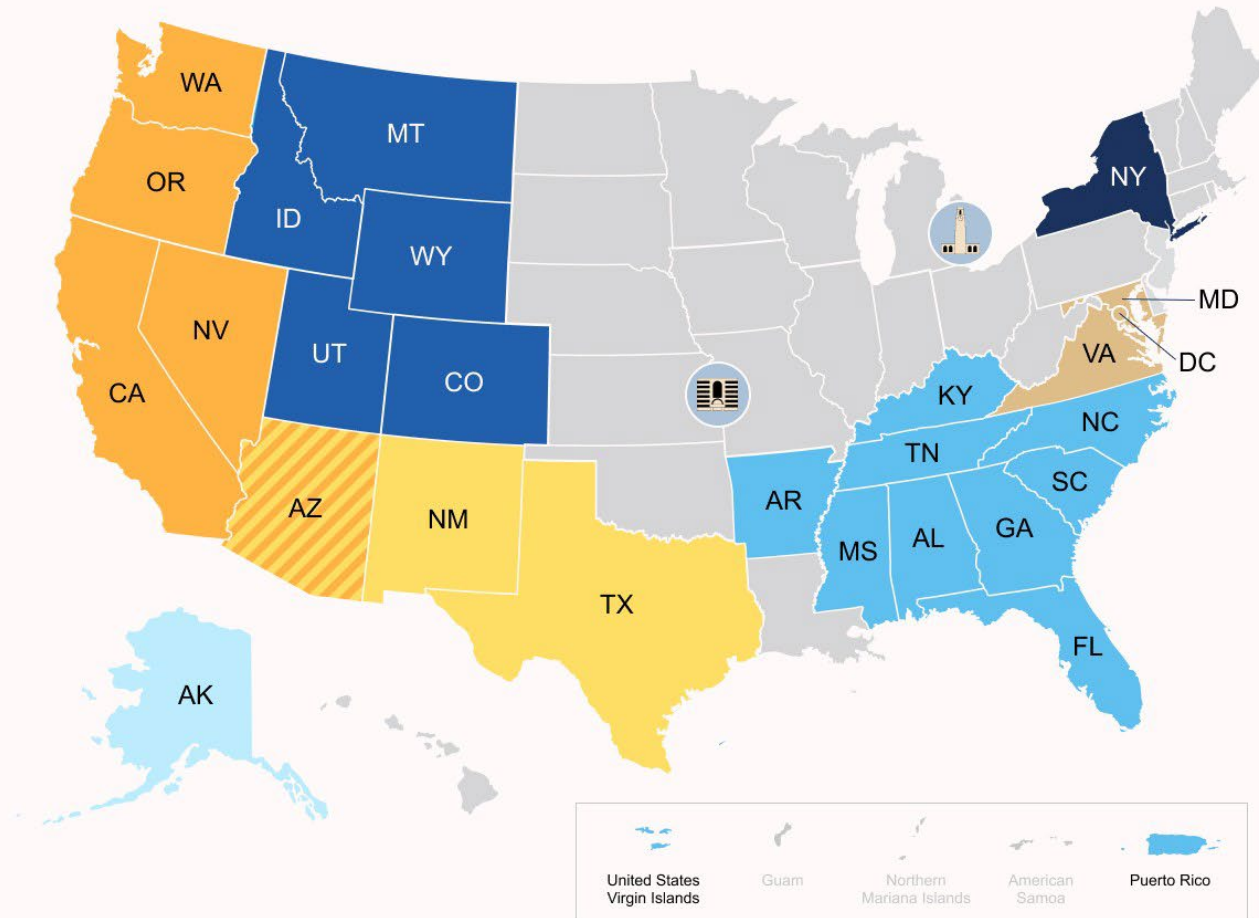


*Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm at a food bank announcing the selections of Renew America's Nonprofits.*

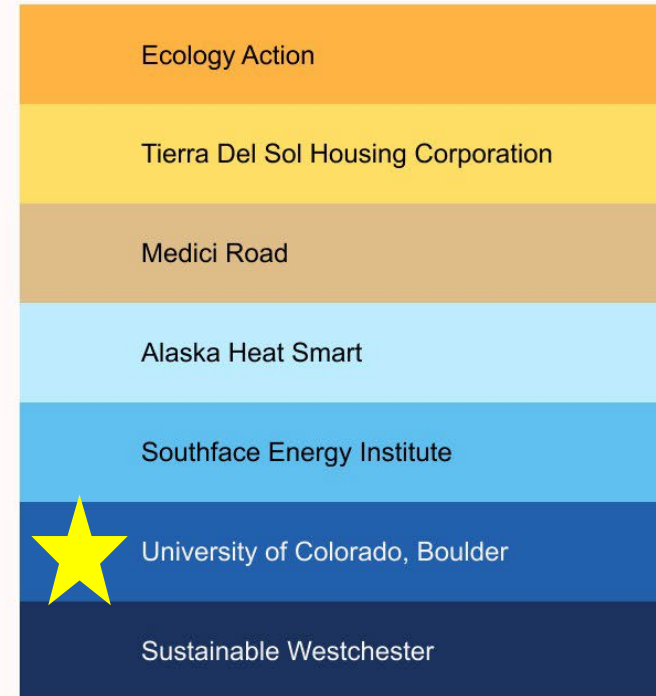
# Renew America's Nonprofits Grant – Projected Impact

## Renew America's Nonprofits

PRIME SELECTEES 2023



### Projected Portfolio Impact of Prime Selectees



 University of Detroit, Mercy

 Mid America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

# Providing Community Benefits

## Prime recipients provided Community Benefits Plans that addressed:

### Workforce and Community Agreements

- Meaningful engagement with community and labor partners leading to formal agreements

### Good Jobs

- Create/retain high-quality jobs
- Attract, train, and retain skilled workers

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

- Equitable access to wealth building opportunities (teaming, access to good jobs, business and contracting opportunities, etc.)

### Justice 40

- Meet or exceed the objectives of the Justice40 initiative that 40% of benefits flow to disadvantaged communities



# Key Federal Requirements

## National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)

- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is the national charter for protection of the environment
- May require consultation with local State Historic Preservation Office.

## Davis Bacon-Act

- Requires contractors pay the laborers and mechanics employed on the project's site of the work on a weekly basis and no less than the prevailing wage, as determined by the Secretary of Labor

[Desk Guide to The Davis-Bacon Act](#)

## Building America, Buy America (BABA)

- If applicable to buildings, requires all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials are produced in the United States or the Agency applies a waiver to the domestic content procurement preference requirement.
- Small Grants Waiver currently in place for projects under \$250K in total costs.

[energy.gov/management/build-america-buy-america](https://energy.gov/management/build-america-buy-america)



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