

Required Application Information

Budget narrative (maximum 3 pages):

- **Total project cost** – All applicants must provide details on the total project cost, amount of DOE LPO loan being requested and its portion of the total project costs, amount and portion of equity in the project, and amount and portion of the SEFI funds being requested (maximum 1 page). The sum of the LPO loan, equity, and SEFI funds will equal the total allowable project cost.

Note: SEFI funds can only be used for the DOE LPO's definition of "eligible costs." Per LPO's [website](#), Title 17 eligible Project Costs are defined at §609.10 of the Title 17 Regulations, and in the [Program Guidance](#) (see "Loan Size and Eligible Project Costs" on pages 31-33). As stated in the Program Guidance, "Project Costs of an Eligible Project are those 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." Note that expenses incurred after startup, commissioning, and shakedown of the facility as well as operating costs are not eligible for LPO financing.

- **Commercial viability** – Applicants must provide a description of the plan for repayment of the LPO loan, a landscape of the market for their product/customers/offtake agreements, and any other information relevant to determine the commercial viability of the project (maximum 1 page).
- **Third-Party Advisor costs** – Applicants must provide a plan (maximum 1 page) for covering the costs of third-party advisors that DOE LPO requires applicants to pay in order to proceed to the due diligence phase of its process, [described here](#).

Alignment with Program Priorities (maximum 2 pages) – Applicants must provide a detailed description of the project's alignment with the MI Healthy Climate Plan and 2023 clean energy laws, including but not limited to:

- The types of decarbonization technology the project will use and at what scale (in terms of e.g., how many customers served, how many MW of generation, volume of manufacturing, etc.)
- The type and amount of greenhouse gas emissions this project will help reduce
- Environmental justice impacts of the project
- Economic development impacts of the project
- The number of jobs the project will support

Detailed Timeline (maximum 1 page) – Applicants must provide a detailed timeline for reaching the relevant milestones of the project, including the six DOE LPO application milestones listed on its website [here](#).

Project Organizational Chart (maximum 1 page) – Applicants must provide an organizational chart detailing the management and ownership structure of the project and any other major parties involved.

Letter(s) of support/commitment from Partner Organization(s) – Applicants must provide letters of support from major parties involved in the project.

Application Submission – The State is accepting project applications on a rolling basis, starting on May 17, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please email complete application information to sefi@michigan.org.