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**In the Matter of the Energy Assistance Grant as Authorized Under N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.39 and N.J.S.A. 46:30B-74(b) - Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) Program**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") has received several questions concerning the PAGE Program [Notice of Availability of Grant](#) ("Notice"). The deadline for submitting questions concerning this Notice was August 28, 2020 at 5 p.m. The responses to the questions that NJBPU received are set forth below and are posted to the Board's website to assist all potential bidders in developing their proposals.

**1. Question: How many grants to nonprofit organizations will be awarded?**

**Answer:** Historically, one nonprofit has been chosen to administer PAGE on the Board's behalf. The nonprofit receives grant payments annually from the State.

**2. Question: Will there be a citizenship requirement to access PAGE funds?**

**Answer:** The bidders may propose their own requirements for PAGE eligibility, although the proposal must adhere to the requirements in the Notice.

**3. Question: Will the PAGE program allow undocumented clients to apply as part of a household that has members with social security cards, as they are allowed to apply for LIHEAP?**

**Answer:** The bidders may propose their own requirements for PAGE eligibility; the proposal must adhere to the requirements in the Notice.

**4. Question: Will training be provided for staff?**

**Answer:** The nonprofit chosen by the Board must be able to administer PAGE in its entirety, including training.

**5. Question: What percent of the grant can be allocated toward indirect cost?**

**Answer:** The bidder should propose its best offer to NJBPU. Each proposal should include a competitive but realistic budget in accordance with the Notice requirements.

**6. Question: Is there an ideal/type of nonprofit organization that NJBPU would like to partner?**

**Answer:** Please review the Notice for bidder requirements. Each proposal will be reviewed and scored by a Grant Review Committee according to the criteria listed on pages 4-5 of the Notice.

**7. Question: Is there a geographic priority? Currently, there is only one organization in Mercer County providing this service.**

**Answer:** PAGE benefits must be made available to any New Jersey household that meets the requirements listed in the Notice, regardless of county.

**8. Question: Can grant funds be utilized to hire staff?**

**Answer:** PAGE administrative funds may be used to hire staff. Please refer to budget related sections of the Notice for budget guidance.

**9. Question: How do I know if my organization is eligible to apply to administer the PAGE Program?**

**Answer:** Please review the following sections of the Notice: "Entities which may apply for funding under the program" on page 2; "Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for the program" on page 2; and "Evaluation Criteria" on pages 4-5.

**10. Question: Will there be any paper copy submission/delivery requirements?**

**Answer:** No, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NJBPU has waived the paper submission requirements. Please follow the proposal submission requirements listed on page 3 of the Notice.