

# DoD's Defense Critical Infrastructure Program (DCIP) NRECA Consulting Services

## **Funding Projects that Power Your Community**

The <u>Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program<sup>1</sup> (DCIP)</u> is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation in order to enhance the military family quality of life, resilience, or military value. This program authorizes the US Secretary of Defense to make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement funds available under other Federal programs. In Fiscal Year 2021, \$60 million was appropriated to this program. Only state, local governments and rural electric cooperatives are eligible to receive the grant awards, providing a unique opportunity for cooperatives to submit proposals to possibly receive this funding.



Maximizing the opportunity to potentially receive funding from this program requires careful planning and should be driven by a common purpose and coordinated efforts. NRECA brings significant knowledge of the utility industry and practical experience in supporting cooperatives that serve military communities. NRECA members' dues provides support services to cooperatives that serve military installations, including information sharing with our military community network, assisting cooperatives in government-funded research projects, and convening cooperatives with unique relationships to a military installation, such as those that have a Utility Privatization (UP) contract.

NRECA is proud to support our military and our member cooperatives. To help our members maximize the opportunity to potentially receive funding through DCIP, we offer customized services to meet the unique needs of our diverse set of cooperatives that serve military communities. Our expertise includes working with over 100 electric cooperatives that serve military installations. We can assist cooperatives in identifying and evaluating strategies for DCIP proposals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> authorized under Public Law 115-232 Section 2861

#### **Proposal Concept Development**

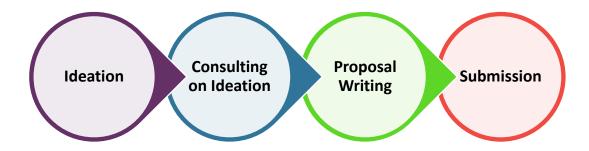
Our ideation offering provides member cooperatives with assistance in identifying opportunities within their service territory that are aligned with the cooperative's capabilities and objectives while also helping to enhance the military family quality of life, resilience, and/or military value. The rest is left up to the cooperative to develop.

### **Proposal Data Support**

NRECA consultants will work with the cooperative to collect the necessary paperwork, data, and strategy documents so that the cooperative has a comprehensive data set to inform their proposal writing effort. Cooperatives will write their own proposal.

Full-service Concept Development, Data Support and Submission-Ready Draft Proposal NRECA consultants provide a structured approach for project proposals and will support the cooperative throughout the entire process, from ideation, concept framing, proposal writing, and proposal submission.

#### **Service Delivery Framework**



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