

TITLE: MR. CEF – Minnesota Rural Clean Energy Finance

TEAM NAME: Making MR. CEF'S Capital Stack Burger

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Through the regional rural Economic Development District, Region Five Development Commission (R5DC), this project will help overcome existing challenges to facilitate clean energy system installations by providing the right ingredients of technical assistance in establishing a capital stack burger that meets the unique needs of the community. We will implement new internal funding mechanisms and connect constituents with existing funding mechanisms, as well as federal and state grants, tax credits, and private philanthropy. Along with our partners, including experts in finance, clean energy, engineering, a utility, and a barbecue genius, we aim to deliver the most appropriate and beneficial clean energy projects to governments, schools, and commercial buildings in our region in the coming years, beginning with a small local city of 680 people which identified clean energy implementation as a priority. This innovative and significant partnership effort would alleviate several regional barriers to realizing projects while strengthening and diversifying the economy and increasing regional knowledge about clean energy and local capacity to implement. The perfect burgers are those made fresh, and locally, and this model will be created with franchise opportunities in mind.

LINK TO ONLINE VIDEO PITCH

https://youtu.be/cu5ne62YTIA

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