

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES

RIVER OAKS COMMUNICATIONS AND OGDEN MURPHY WALLACE TEAM-UP TO ASSIST CITIES IN OBTAINING THESE GRANTS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), intended to stimulate economic growth, has allocated \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) for eligible cities and counties. The EECBG Program provides funds to state and local governments to fund projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and that improve energy efficiency. The funds are also aimed at encouraging economic growth and creating and/or retaining jobs.

Congress allocated over \$2.6 billion to be distributed to states, local governments and Indian tribes through formula grants. This allocation includes \$1.9 billion for cities and counties, and \$770 million for states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. Of the state funding, at least 60% of the allocation must be passed on to cities and counties that are ineligible for direct formula grants from the Department of Energy (DOE). Attached is a list of cities and counties that may apply directly to the DOE for these funding opportunities. The remaining communities may have the opportunity to apply to the Washington Energy Policy Office regarding EECBG funds that are made available by the DOE. In addition, other federal funding will be made available for local energy efficiency projects under a separate competitive solicitation which will be released at a later date. **Combined, DOE allocations for the State of Washington, cities and counties total over \$56 million.**

DOE computed the State and City/County formula based on the 2007 U.S. Census Population. The city/county formula is calculated based on two weighted factors: resident (70%) and daytime/commuter (30%) population which is used to estimate the energy use of these populations.

Specific activities eligible for EECBG funds include:

- Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy and Technical Consultant Services to assist in the development of such a strategy.
- Residential and Commercial Building Energy Audits.
- Financial Incentive Programs and Mechanisms for energy efficiency improvements such as energy savings performance contracting, on-bill financing, and revolving loan funds.
- Grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing Energy Efficiency Retrofits.

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities.
- Development and Implementation of Transportation Programs to conserve energy.
- Building Codes and Inspections to promote building energy efficiency.
- Energy Distribution Technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency, including distributed resources, combined heat and power, and district heating and cooling systems.
- Material Conservation Programs including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency.
- Reduction and Capture of Methane and Greenhouse Gases generated by landfills or similar waste-related sources.
- Energy efficient Traffic Signals and Street Lighting.
- Renewable Energy Technologies on Government Buildings.
- Any Other Appropriate Activity that meets the purposes of the program and is approved by DOE.

These funds are available for both government and non-government owned facilities and infrastructure.

Within the first year after receipt of the first year of funding, eligible cities/counties must submit a proposed energy efficiency and conservation strategy. The proposed strategy must include a description of the goals of the city/county for increased energy efficiency and conservation and a plan to assist in the achievement of those goals. The city/county must take into account the use of funds by adjacent eligible cities/counties that receive grants under the EECBG program and coordinate and share information with the State regarding activities carried out using grant funds. DOE shall approve or disapprove of a plan within 120 days of receipt. DOE has placed the following limitations on the use of funds: administrative expenses cannot be the greater of 10% of the grant or \$75,000; no more than 20% or \$250,000 whichever is greater may be used for revolving loan funds; and no more than 20% or \$250,000 whichever is greater may be used for sub-grants to non-government organizations. No more than two years after receipt of the funds the city/county must provide to DOE an annual report detailing the status of the development and implementation of the energy efficiency and conservation strategy and an assessment of the energy efficiency gains within the city/county.

In order to receive the EECBG funds eligible cities and counties need to fulfill the pre-application requirements. Applicants must follow a three-step registration process with the federal government. DOE suggests that cities/counties allow at least 21 days to complete the registration process. The eligible cities and counties must then apply through FedConnect. The application due date is **June 25, 2009**, 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

Considering the short time frames, cities and counties are encouraged to get started on this process immediately. Both River Oaks Communications and Ogden Murphy Wallace are available to assist your city/county. If you are interested in finding out more about EECBG funds or other funding available through the ARRA please contact Bob Duchon, Vice President, at River Oaks Communications Corp., (303) 721-0653 or Elana Zana at Ogden Murphy Wallace, (206) 442-1308.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FORMULA GRANT AND ALLOCATION AMOUNTS**

Name	Government Level	Allocation
Washington	Washington Energy Policy Office	\$10,645,900
Auburn	City	\$235,500
Bellevue	City	\$1,295,700
Bellingham	City	\$780,100
Edmonds	City	\$160,200
Everett	City	\$1,045,400
Federal Way	City	\$777,700
Kennewick	City	\$589,700
Kent	City	\$845,400
Kirkland	City	\$211,500
Lacey	City	\$164,900
Lakewood	City	\$541,000
Longview	City	\$165,400
Olympia	City	\$220,600
Pasco	City	\$495,500
Puyallup	City	\$164,500
Redmond	City	\$272,000
Renton	City	\$617,500
Richland	City	\$204,300
Sammamish	City	\$135,000
Seattle	City	\$6,142,300
Shoreline	City	\$472,800
Spokane	City	\$1,986,200
Spokane Valley	City	\$823,400
Tacoma	City	\$1,947,300
Vancouver	City	\$1,574,800
Yakima	City	\$814,000
Clark	County	\$2,282,900
King	County	\$6,141,100
Kitsap	County	\$2,229,100
Pierce	County	\$4,376,400
Skagit	County	\$495,100
Snohomish	County	\$4,828,400
Spokane	County	\$701,600
Thurston	County	\$617,200
Whatcom	County	\$470,000
Yakima	County	\$629,500

Cities/Counties not on this list may apply to the Washington Energy Policy Office for a grant from the Washington State funds.