

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

PA Conservation Works!


Harvesting 25% Energy Savings for Pennsylvania's Communities





Goals

- Reduce Energy Usage through Conservation and Efficiency
- Improve Air Quality and related environmental indicators
- Create and Retain Jobs



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

- DOE guidelines released

March 26, 2009

- DOE Program Goal
 - Reduce total energy use
 - Improve energy efficiency



EECBG

(Smaller Local Governments)

- Formula grant from DOE to Pennsylvania's State Energy Office
 - DEP must file a state application by **May 26, 2009**
 - Approximately \$23 Million to DEP
 - At least 60 percent must be passed to smaller local governments and counties



EECBG

(Smaller Local Governments)

- Local governments with population fewer than 35,000 and counties with population fewer than 200,000
- DEP is required to provide subgrants not later than 180 days after the date that Pennsylvania's state application is approved



EECBG

(Smaller Local Governments)

- Proposed guidelines are available for review and comment

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- Submit comments until **May 15, 2009**



Energy Performance Metrics

- Energy (kwh/therms/gallons/BTUs/etc.) saved
- Renewable energy installed capacity and generated
- Energy cost savings
- Jobs created



Proposed Eligible Applicants

- Local Governments -- with population fewer than 35,000 and counties with population fewer than 200,000
 - Entities established under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act to act on behalf of Local Governments
 - Such as Councils of Government, Local Development Districts, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations
 - Non-Profit Organization
 - Municipal Authority *
 - County Conservation District*
- * Must demonstrate that service is provided to an eligible unit(s) of local government



Proposed Minimum Project Requirements

- Must save at least 25 % of energy in the building or equipment that is being renovated or installed
- Must result in job creation or retention
- Must be completed within 18 months and prior to **Sept 30, 2011**



Awards and Match

1. Grant Awards Up to \$250,000
2. Grant Award Up to \$375,000 for multi-municipal projects
3. Match 25%
4. Match 10% for multi-municipal projects
5. Match automatically waived for Distressed Communities (Act 47)
6. Match Requirement can be waived if there is a showing of financial inability

Transparency and Accountability

"The Federal stimulus bill makes it possible for Pennsylvania to provide relief for our families and to reinvest in our economic growth. Welcome to Pennsylvania's website dedicated to transparency and accountability for the resources the Commonwealth will receive under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act."

- Governor Edward G. Rendell



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Reporting Requirements

- DEP Project Manager assigned to oversee project reporting
- Progress reports will be required on a quarterly basis including ARRA Energy Funding Performance Metrics
- Site Visits will be scheduled



Resources Available to Assist

- Energy Assessment Professionals
- Licensed Architects
- Professional Engineers
- Technical resource professionals at Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Local Development Districts



Resources Available to Assist

DEP Regional Community Relations and Revitalization Consultants

www.depweb.state.pa.us
(Keyword “Community Revitalization”)

For More Information on: ARRA Energy Funding



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