



FUNDING UPDATE

SERVING AUDUBON, CARROLL, CRAWFORD, GREENE, GUTHRIE, & SAC COUNTIES
CITIES OF LINDEN, MINBURN, PERRY AND REDFIELD

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

The Iowa Office of Energy Independence is seeking proposals from cities and counties across the state for projects that will reduce energy use, have a positive impact on budgets and enhance economic development through job creation. This grant is based on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The purpose of the Iowa EECBG program is to provide funding, via a competitive grant process, to assist local governments in creating and implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable, reduce total energy use, improve energy efficiency in the building, transportation and other appropriate sectors, and create and retain jobs.

Up to \$8,634,400 of ARRA-EECBG funding is available for grants to be awarded under the program. This will be a competitive funding process with six application categories.

- 1) Energy efficiency retrofits of existing facilities for nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies.
- 2) Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of an entity.
- 3) Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation.
- 4) Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services, compliance, training and enforcement associated with such codes in order to promote building energy efficiency;
- 5) Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient technologies; and
- 6) Development, implementation, and installation on or in any government building of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources.

The application for the EECBG program is now available and **applications are due March 5, 2010**. For additional information you may visit the Iowa Grants website at www.iowagrants.gov or contact a staff person listed below.

I-Jobs Grants for Water and Sewer Improvements

Under the I-Jobs program, \$55 million is allocated to create a new Water Quality Financial Assistance Program. The Iowa Finance Authority will administer this program. Thirty-five million dollars is reserved for communities with populations less than 10,000 for drinking water and wastewater projects. The remaining \$20 million is reserved for communities with populations greater than 10,000. Funding will go to communities based on "affordability" criteria and will be based upon median household income, estimated user rates, per capita debt and unemployment rates. The maximum grant will be \$2-million. Due to timing issues, a project will not receive both 2010 CDBG funds and an I-Jobs Water Quality grant.

The application for the small community program is now available and **will be accepted until March 30, 2010**. For additional information you may visit IFA's website at www.iowafinanceauthority.gov or contact a staff person listed below.

If your city or county is interested in submitting an application or you have questions regarding one of these programs please contact any of the following local assistance staff at the COG at 712-792-9914 or via e-mail. As the application deadlines for both of these programs are fast approaching, please contact us as soon as possible.

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