



Mississippi Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants EECBG

Program Information

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) are administered through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). Funding is allocated to local governments, Indian tribes, and states to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. Once Mississippi receives final DOE approval of its formal application for ARRA Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant funds, the state will announce the process for applying for the competitive grants, expected as early as July, 2009.



DOE Formula Grants

- DOE has announced that Mississippi's allocation under EECBG is \$16.9 million, with \$7.3 million going directly to the 20 Mississippi communities and 1 tribal government for local energy efficiency and conservation efforts.





AVAILABLE FUNDING

Total Funding Tribal, City, County & State Energy Office (SEO)	\$16,974,600
Direct Funding to 20 Mississippi Communities & 1 Tribal Government	\$7,381,100
Funding for Sub-Grants issued by SEO to Mississippi communities	\$5,756,100
State Energy Office	\$3,837,400

° Communities must submit an application to DOE before they will receive their Recovery Act dollars.



Funding Allocations/Breakdown

MS	Mississippi Total Sum Tribal, City, County & SEO Allocation	All	\$16,974,600
	Mississippi	State Energy Office	\$ 9,593,500
	Biloxi	City	\$ 209,100
	Clinton	City	\$ 106,900
	Greenville	City	\$ 155,500
	Gulfport	City	\$ 666,000
	Hattiesburg	City	\$ 536,400
	Jackson	City	\$1,789,300
	Meridian	City	\$ 182,400
	Olive Branch	City	\$ 128,200
	Southaven	City	\$ 174,200
	Tupelo	City	\$ 181,200
	DeSoto	County	\$ 297,500
	Harrison	County	\$ 262,300
	Hinds	County	\$ 188,200
	Jackson	County	\$ 549,300
	Jones	County	\$ 293,000
	Lowndes	County	\$ 256,500
	Madison	County	\$ 380,100
	Pearl River	County	\$ 234,700
	Rankin	County	\$ 577,500
	Warren	County	\$ 212,800
	· MS Band of Choctaw Indians		\$ 282,200



Key Dates/Timeline

- ▶ Application due date for states is June 25, 2009
- ▶ Cities, counties, and tribal governments eligible for direct formula grants from DOE - applications are due on June 25, 2009
- ▶ The period of performance for these grants is 36 months – all funds must be obligated/committed within 18 months from the effective date of award.

Community Technical Assistance/Collaboration

- To assist communities with the grant application process and ensure that we receive proposals for quality projects that meet the program criteria, one to two community grant workshops will be scheduled. Division staff will also meet with the Mississippi Municipal League, Mississippi Main Street and the Mississippi Board of Supervisors to discuss the grant application process and subsequent project development.



Eligible Activities

- Strategies for energy efficiency/conservation
- Technical Consulting Services
- Commercial and/or Residential energy audits
- Financial Incentive Programs for energy efficiency
- Energy Distribution
- Energy Efficient Traffic Signals & Street Lighting
- Energy Efficiency Retrofits
- Energy Efficiency / Conservation Programs
- Building Codes & Inspections
- Transportation Programs for energy efficiency
- Technologies for reduction/capture of methane & greenhouse gases
- Material Conservation Programs
- Renewable Energy Technologies on government buildings
- Any other appropriate/eligible activity



Program Metrics

Eligible Projects must address the following:

- Proposed number of jobs created
- Proposed number of jobs retained
- Proposed energy saved and/or renewable energy generated
- Proposed greenhouse gas emissions reduced (CO² equivalents)
- Proposed funds leveraged
- Proposed budget
- Projected costs within budget: administration, revolving loans & sub-grants



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AVAILABLE Funding

- State Energy Office \$40,418,000
 - No Cost Share/Match Required
 - 3 Year Period of Performance
 - Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2010
 - Initial Application submitted March 23, 2009
 - Comprehensive Application Due May 12, 2009

Key Funding timeline

- 10% of total Allocation at time of Initial Award-April 2009
- 40% of total allocation upon DOE Approval of Comprehensive Application/State Plan
- 20% of allocation when 50% of previously awarded funds obligated and
 - Evidence of Job Creation
 - Compliance with Reporting
- Remainder of total allocation upon demonstration that MS is not deficient in:
 - Obligating funds
 - Insufficient project progress
 - Meeting reporting requirements

Eligible Activities

- States to develop State Plans toward:
 - Energy Efficient Building Codes & Standards
 - Loans, grants, & incentives-Energy Efficiency & Renewable energy measures
 - Building Retrofits
 - Industrial Retrofits
 - Traffic signal synchronization/LED Replacements

Program Information

- Prefer “shovel ready” activities that can start immediately -50% of awarded funds by June 17
- ARRA SEP funds can be used with other funds to complete projects but track separately
- Allows demonstrations of commercially available efficiency & renewable energy techniques and technologies

Program Information, cont'd

- Funds can be used for purchase and installation of equipment & materials for energy efficient or renewable energy measures
- Funds can supplement but not supplant weatherization activities under the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-income Persons

Funding Limitations

States are prohibited from using SEP Funds:

- Construct mass transit systems & exclusive bus lanes
- Construction or repair of buildings or structures
- Subsidize fares for public transportation, Utility rate demonstrations or State Tax Credits
- Conduct or purchase equipment to conduct research, development or demonstration of techniques or technologies not commercially available

SEP program Metrics

- Jobs Created/Retained
- Energy (kwh/therms/gallons/BTUs/etc.) saved
- Energy cost savings
- Funds leveraged
- GHG emissions reduced (CO2 equivalent)
- Renewable energy installed capacity and generated

Other competitive Funding opportunities

- Grants.gov offer an array of grant opportunities listed by closing dates
- ESCOs, i.e., TVA
- Not –for - profit grant programs such as:
- Doris Dike Charitable Foundation
<http://ww.ddcf.org>
- The Pew Charitable Trust <http://www.pewtrsts.org>
- , The Bullitt Foundation <http://www.bullitt.org>

Other competitive Funding opportunities – cont'd

- The Clinton Climate Initiative
<http://www.ckubtibfiybdauib,irg>
- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
<http://www.gatesfoundation.org>
- The Kresge Foundation <http://www.kresge.org>
- The Illinois Clean Energy Foundation
<http://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org>

Other competitive Funding opportunities – CONT'D

- USDOE Technical Assistance Project (TAP) – Third party financing for solar project and public utilities
- USDOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy <http://www1.eere.energy.gov>
- EERE offer solicitations for Businesses, Industries and Universities.

opportunities for Consumers

- EERE offer funding opportunities for consumers found at Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy (DSIRE) <https://dsireusa.org>
- Federal Tax Credit for Energy Efficiency <http://irs.gov>
- Financing an Energy Efficient Home <http://www.energysavers.gov>

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