

# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

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Funded by the American Recovery and  
Reinvestment Act of 2009

# Purpose of the EECBG program

- Reduce fossil fuels emissions
- Reduce the total energy use of the eligible communities
- Improve energy efficiency in the building sector, the transportation sector and other appropriate sectors

# EECBG Program Principles

- Prioritize energy efficiency and conservation first as the cheapest, cleanest and fastest ways to meet energy demands
- To maximize benefits over the longest possible terms
- Invest funds in programs and projects that create and/or retain jobs
- Target programs and projects that will provide measureable energy savings and economic stimulus
- Give priority to programs and projects that leverage funds with other public and private resources
- To the extent possible, develop programs and strategies that will continue beyond the funding period

# EECBG Federal Funding Flow

- \$3.2 B appropriated, \$59 M remains with DOE for training and technical assistance
- \$1.8 B flows to Formula Cities/Counties by way of DOE
- \$767 M flows to States
- \$56 M Flows to Tribes
- \$456 M remains as a competitive grant (date to be announced)

## Arizona share of the EECBG

- 33 AZ Cities (35k+ pop) , Counties (10 largest) and State will receive a combined EECBG allocation totaling \$63 M
- Az Cities/Counties \$54M, State \$9.5M with 60% used for competitive grants to communities under 35k and the 5 remaining counties
- Allocations range from \$15M to Phx to \$182K for Sierra Vista
- Arizona Tribes will receive \$8.9 M (Not part of the \$63 M)

# Eligible Actives under the EECEBG Program

- 1. Development of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy
- 2. Technical Consultant Services
- 3. Residential and Commercial Building Energy Audits
- 4. Financial Incentive Programs
- 5. Energy Efficiency Retrofits
- 6. Energy Efficiency and Conservation programs for Buildings and Facilities
- 7. Development of and implementation transportation program
- 8. Building Codes and Inspections
- 9. Energy Distribution
- 10. Material Conservation Programs
- 11. Reduction and Capture of Methane and greenhouse gases
- 12. Traffic Signals and Street Lighting
- 13. Renewable Energy on Government Buildings

# EECBG Program Outcomes

- Increased Energy Efficiency
- New Jobs
- Accelerated Deployment of technologies
- Improved Air Quality
- Increased security and energy generation
- Leveraging of resources
- Widespread use of financial mechanisms

# EECBG Special Terms and Conditions

## May Apply

- Reporting, Tracking and segregation of incurred costs;
- Reporting on job creation and preservation;
- Publication of information on Internet
- Access to records by Inspectors General
- Protecting Whistleblowers
- Ensuring iron, steel and manufactured goods are produced in US
- Ensuring wage rates are comparable to those prevailing wages of a similar character
- Prohibition on use of funds for gambling establishments, aquariums, zoos, golf course or swimming pools

# Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy (Attachment D Local Government's Application )

- **Question#1.** *“Describe your government’s proposed Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy”.*
- **Question #2.** *“ Describe your government’s proposed implementation plan for use of the EECBG funds to assist you in achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the strategy in question #1.”*

# Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy (Attachment D Local Government's)

- Question #5. *“Describe how this plan has been designed to ensure that it sustains benefits beyond the EECBG funding period.”*
- There are six questions within the local government EECBG application.  
Consider the following:
  - Jobs created
  - Energy Saved
  - Renewable energy installed
  - GHG reduced
  - Energy Cost Saving (ROI)
  - Funds Leveraged