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Comments and Questions Regarding the Energy Efficient Block Grants



Name	Organization Name	E-mail	Date	Comments/Questions	Replied to?	Comment or Question
Jamie Hall	CALSTART		4/27/2009	We recommend that the Energy Commission allocate some funds to projects that can capture and use methane from California landfills, dairies, and wastewater treatment plants.	y	C
Stephen Miller	Strategic Energy Innovations		4/27/2009	We feel strongly that the Commission should consider the following points when developing its guidelines for funding: • Locally sourced, persistent green sector jobs won't materialize solely through ad hoc project funding. • Critical to area job creation are regional/statewide public-private partnerships dedicated to this objective. • Once in place, these partnerships are positioned to best design, develop and distribute the programs and tools that support guided training and career/job placement.	y	C
Courtney B. Kalashian Paul Johnson	SJVCEO		4/28/2009	We recommend that the CEC consider the following factors when developing its guidelines for funding: • Funding provided through these programs should balance both short term and long-term needs and interests of the state and its residents. • Regional approaches and organizations are well positioned to achieve the balance between these short-term and long-term needs and interests. • The San Joaquin Valley should be a focal point for the State's efforts to demonstrate how this ARRA funding can be used to achieve this balance between short-term and long-term needs and interests.	y	C

Veronica Ruiz	City of San Marino	<div></div>	5/11/2009	<p>The City of San Marino is interested in working with the California Energy Commission to obtain a combination grant and low interest loan (@3.95%). The City of San Marino has a project that is basically shovel ready. The City's street light system is 60 to 80 years old, the lights are energy inefficient and parts for the existing street lights are no longer being manufactured. We seeking to convert the existing system from high voltage and upgrade the wiring system to allow low voltage. This will reduce the use of energy by at least 80% and will require less maintenance to the system. There are approximately 1,900 street lights within the City that require replacement. We have designed and converted 475 street lights(1/4 of the City). There are approximately 1,425 remaining street lights that require conversion. The total cost to complete this conversion is estimated to be \$8 million. The City is willing to offer a match each year until the project is completed. The City of San Marino supports investment in California'sinfrastructure and appreciates the opportunity to provide input onthe development of program guidelines.</p>	y	C

Kent Steffens	City of Menlo Park		5/11/2009	<p>1) Population-based formula grants. This is the best of the programs being considered. It will result in a minimum of funds going to administration and will allow projects to be funded relatively quickly in order to stimulate the economy and create jobs. This proposal seems the most equitable since it was used for larger cities. 2) Competitive solicitation with scoring and ranking. Acceptable but requires extensive application processes and costs incurred by cities to apply with an uncertain outcome. This would also increase the States administrative costs and increase the length of time before funds could be made available. 3) Separate funding pot for smaller jurisdictions. OK if preferred by smaller cities and set proportional to the population of the smaller cities that are eligible. 4) Combination of grants and low interest loans. Low interest loans are the worst of the possibilities mentioned. No city should be required to go into dept to help stimulate the economy. Loans require complex agreements and would result in a slow process to consider who gets a loan. This would not stimulate the economy or create jobs in my opinion - only those jurisdictions already planning to issue dept would consider this if it is at attractive interest rates. This would be very unlikely to actually generate new projects. Significant administrative processes</p>	y	C
Bryan Montgomery	City of Oakley		51/13/09	<p>The City of Oakley recommends that Conceptual Program #1 be selected.This approach minimizes time and staff resources at the city and statelevel. It is simple and also encourages EACH city to participate.</p>	y	C

Nick Goodwin	Nick Goodwin Self		5/13/2009	<p>We know that right now you are developing the programs to administer the ARRA programs. Our company, GOODWIN SELF ECO CONSULTING helps transition businesses to sustainable energy through energy efficiency and renewables. We work as a consulting energy manger overseeing financing, installation and design. We are aware that the single most significant way to encourage individuals and businesses in California to transition to sustainable energy is through the CSI. At present the rebates and step programs are only teasers. They're not substantial enough or permanent enough to be valid. The industry needs incentives to be high – a minimum of 22 kWh – and they need to be in place over the long term. In addition, Feed-in-Tariffs at the same rate or higher will transform people's desire and capability to transition to sustainable energy. FIT's in California will also allow us to keep energy local which means a great savings because we won't need a huge grid nor have to pay t+E16he cost of transporting energy. Finally, the 2% solution: renovating or replacing just 2% of the building stock per annum, and making all new builds zero energy buildings. Upgrading existing homes is a huge challenge - but it can be done incrementally - 2% a year will have the desired effect. Insisting on new builds being 'green from the ground' up will see immediate results.</p>	y	C

Tim Holmes			5/13/2009	<p>I am unique in respect to my comments on how to apply the EECBG. I am a consultant and have no affiliations with products or contractors. As an engineer I work directly for numerous public agencies on both energy efficiency and renewable energy. Working with small entities is actually more diverse and complex than working with large ones. It seems that it would save money and effort if you gave the money to each entity based on per capita basis. Then you could use your expertise to establish guidelines and develop tools that control what projects are implemented. Some basic ideas are: Require some level of matching funds for any project. Require that solar projects are sized at ~70% of facility energy use so there is room to do energy efficiency later. Develop a life cycle cost tool, with basic cost and financing inputs, that allows all projects to be broken down into Net Present Value and Internal Rate of Return metrics. I can think of a number of additional ideas if you are interested.</p>	y	C
Michele Rodriguez, AICP	ICF Jones & Stokes		5/11/2009	<p>I attended the ARRA workshop yesterday in Sacramento, and wanted to follow-up with you on a few items. issues, and program demands you are currently deadline with related to the ARRA funding. I'm attaching a Climate Action Plan from the City of Hayward http://www.ci.hayward.ca.us/CAP08/pdfs/2009/1%20-%20Draft%20CAP%20-%20entire%20document.pdf. As I mentioned, the Climate Action Plan includes an assessment of existing conditions of municipal and public transportation, water, waste, and energy and compares that to AB 32 goals. Targets are established for reduction to the CARB Scoping Plan goal usually 15% reduction. I recommend that given the SB 375 goals that county or region-wide Climate Action Plans be supported.</p>	y	C

Van A. Boeck, P.E.	Yuba City		5/18/2009	Please review our comments regarding the type of projects that possibly might not be funded through the EECBG for small Cities and Counties. Letter to CEC 5-8-09.pdf	y	C
Steve Rogers	Town of Yountville		5/13/2009	Of concern to small communities is the administrative cost and burden of a cumbersome grant application process for potential projects. In most cases, smaller communities have lean staff with little extra staff to commit to potential grant application process. I would strongly encourage identification of expectations and the process so that each community can determine if the administrative costs associated with d. For example, with a population of 3,300 at \$7.00 per capita we are looking at only \$21,300. This is not a large sum of money to implement some of the ideas you mentioned, but it could facilitate purchase of an alternative fuel vehicle, feasibility study of solar on Town Hall, etc. as long as the program is not cumbersome and burdensome. We would not argue with a larger allocation than \$7.00 per capita either. A combination of grants and low interest loans for projects such as a solar installation at the sewer plant would be very attractive.	y	C

Patrick Foley	City of Laguna woods	<div></div>	5/13/2009	<p>On behalf of the City of Laguna Woods, I respectfully submit the following comments on the five different approaches being considered by the Commission for allocating the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to small cities(under 35,000 in population) and counties(under 200,000 in population).1.Population-based formula grants This is the simplest, efficient and most direct approach to getting these much needed funds to the small cities and counties. The precedent for this approach was established by the Federal Department of Energy (DOE) when it distributed funds directly to the large cities and counties using a per capita formula. Based on the amount of funding allocated to the Commission for distribution, the Commission staff estimated that each small city and county would receive approximately \$7.00 per capita using this population-based formula grant. This allocation formula will allow the elected officials in the small cities and counties the maximum flexibility in determining how best to spend the funds in meeting the needs of their jurisdictions while complying with both federal and state regulations. 2. ompetitive solicitation with scoring & ranking This approach to distributing funds pits the small cities and counties against one another. This approach also places the decision for using these funds in the hands of the Commission rather than the locally elected officials who are better able to determine how these funds can be used to meet the needs of their communities. The competitive solicitation approach is a more viable alternative for the Commission to establish as the formula for the State Energy Program Funding Allocation. 3. Separate funding pot</p>		C
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Jason Behrmann	City of galt		5/11/2009	<p>The City of Galt was very disappointed to learn that only cities with populations greater than 35,000 were eligible for direct allocation of block grant funding. T The City has reviewed the CEC's five different approaches to distributing the funding to small jurisdictions and strongly believes that Option 1 is by far the best approach. It is my understanding that Option 1 is similar to the direct funding to the larger jurisdictions in that as long as the proposed project meets the program guidelines, jurisdictions are free to use the population based funding on the energy efficiency programs that will have the biggest impact in their communities. This will ensure that each jurisdiction will be able to implement some form of energy efficiency program without fear of how well their program competes against programs from other jurisdictions. Larger jurisdictions are not being asked to compete. Why should this burden then fall to smaller jurisdictions? I strongly</p>	y	C
MARTHA JENSEN	City of Dixon		5/11/2009	<p>I haven't been able to attend a workshop or receive it on-line but am interested in applying for grant funding but cannot find out how I get an application or how to start the process. I am interested in upgrading lighting in the City of Dixon. Do you have an actual program coordinator I could speak to because I am new at applying for grant funds and need help. Any help you can give me would be appreciated and I believe I only have until 5/26/09 is that correct?</p>	y	Q/C
Dan Rich	City of Campbell		5/11/2009	<p>I have questions and concerns about a system that allocates \$7 per capita to "small cities" (under 35,000) but only about \$4 per capita to cities between 35,000 - 50,000, and then I believe \$10 per capita for cities over 50,000. This seems extremely unfair to the middle group (of which we are a part).</p>	y	C

Dragos Maciuca	Lockheed Martin		5/13/2009	I would like to know if AB-811 Matching Funds can be used towards ARPA-E applications, the same way AB-118 Matching Funds can be used for ARPA-E applications. If so, what are the deadlines?	y	Q/C
Melissa Swanson	City of Clearlake		5/18/2009	The City of Clearlake appreciates this opportunity to respond to your recent workshop regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency - Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. As you know, the EECBG program is part of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and specifically includes strategies to reduce fossil fuel consumption and improve energy efficiency in transportation . Projects we feel may be eligible include: However, based upon the information presented at the May 4th workshop we are concerned that these potentially eligible projects may not be considered for funding under the Cities and Counties portion of this program. In your workshop presentation you mentioned that transportation related project would be receiving stimulus money through other programs, and as such are not the focus of spending under the small Cities and Counties portion of the EECBG program. We strongly disagree with this statement. We encourage you to include transportation related energy saving projects in the eligible list of projects available to small Cities and Counties, similar to the large Cities and Counties program. We believe that the planning, design and/or construction of modern roundabouts is perfect	y	C
Jim Lewis	City of Atascadero		5/18/2009	As for the EECBG monies for small cities, interested cities should be required to submit applications consisting of their energy plans. Not all small cities will submit but those that do with qualified projects should be then funded on a per capita basis. This makes sure that all interested cities get money equally.	y	

Tom Coburn	Nevada City		5/13/2009	<p>1. I think your option 1 is an excellent idea to distribute the funding. This is the fairest way for small counties and cities to participate. If know how much funding I will receive I can tailor a program that will leverage the funding with loans and General fund dollars, include cities within the program, and maximize the funding for the County. It is hard for small Counties to package projects that may or may not get funded in hope that one of them will get funded and we do not have the large dollars to help a program like some of the larger small Counties.</p> <p>2. I very much like the Idea of a revolving fund for energy projects. I had the same idea 2 years ago but could not get buy in from anyone. I think part of the funding should go into this kind of a program to ensure long range goals.</p> <p>3. I would also like to see a meeting when the final process is determined with just the Counties and Cities so that special interest and contractors cannot dominate the meetings with suggestions that violate the government code.</p>	y	C
Carl cahill	City of Los Altos		5/11/2009	<p>The Town of Los Altos Hills supports only the adoption of the CEC's "Conceptual Program #1" Population-Based Formula Grants for small cities with a population under 35,000 whereby: Awarding these Grants on a competitive basis arbitrarily imposes a more lengthy and subjective process and a more expensive and stricter standard on small cities. It begs the question as to why cities with populations of 35,000 or more are eligible to receive larger grants directly from the DOE on a noncompetitive basis. Developing an otherwise eligible project and preparing a grant application is a time consuming and expensive proposition for a small city and staff like Los Altos Hills. . It begs the question as to why cities with populations of 35,000 or more are eligible to receive larger grants directly from the DOE on a noncompetitive basis. Developing an otherwise eligible project and preparing a grant application is a time consuming and expensive proposition for a small city and staff like Los Altos Hills. Adding an element of uncertainty and expense for a relatively small grant makes participation in "Conceptual</p>	y	C

Kristi Chappelle	City of Foster City		5/13/2009	<p>The City of Foster City (population about 30,000) wishes to voice its preference for Conceptual Program 1 (population-based formula grants) or Conceptual Program 2 (competitive solicitation with scoring and ranking) as the means for allocating funding to smaller cities. It is our belief that the positive aspects of the other three approaches could be incorporated into these concepts with more universal benefits to qualifying agencies.</p> <p>Specifically, the City of Foster City would advocate for implementing Conceptual Program 1 (population-based formula grants) which we believe would spread the grant funds, and therefore the benefits that the grant funds are intended to achieve, to a wider base of residents in more regions than any of the other approaches. Unless specifically prohibited, it would not stop agencies from maximizing funding by working collaboratively on regional projects. We would recommend that technical assistance and planning grants (which are included in some the other approaches) be included as qualifying costs under the grant program. We advocate for allowing the qualifying funding for multiple agencies to be pooled into one larger (for instance, regional) project as long as all grant accountability measures remain intact.</p>	y	
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Diana Ingerso	City of Seaside	<div></div>	5/13/2009	<p>The City of Seaside urges the California Energy Commission to propose that Conceptual Program 1 (Population-Based Formula Grants) be used for the allocation of funding to small cities and counties in their application to the Department of Energy for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.</p> <p>This would be the most equitable way to distribute the funding. The City of Seaside is currently facing serious budget shortfalls. In this difficult economic climate, low-interest loans (even at 0%) and loan/grant programs are of no benefit to the City, since there is no source of funding to pay back loan principal or to provide matching funds. With per capita funding, the City would be able to complete a much-needed energy-efficiency upgrade for Seaside City Hall (built in the 1960s), which would employ many energy savings measures, including solar power, a new energy-efficient HVAC system and double-pane windows. This project would ly</p>		
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ara Martinson	CSAC, RCRC		5/13/2009	<p>On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed guideline concepts for the allocation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). We recognize the time constraints involved in this process and appreciate the outreach efforts made by Energy Commission staff. In addition to suggestions for the proposed guideline concepts, CSAC and RCRC would first like to highlight an eligibility issue within the EECBG Program and the work the Legislature is doing to address this issue. Background: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) On February 17, 2009 President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act is a sweeping economic stimulus bill that provides resources to various programs and other efforts with the purpose of reinvigorating the nation's economy. ARRA includes an appropriation for energy efficiency and conservation grants which will, in part, flow through the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). This federal program established an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, which provides grants to states and local governments with the purpose of aiding them in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.</p>		
Rich Ramirez	City of American Canyon		5/13/2009	<p>American Canyon is a small city with limited staff time. We request that the Energy Commission adopt the conceptual Program #1 Population-Based Formula Grants. We believe there are several projects that would benefit the city and we would not have to expend precious resources of staff time and budget money completing lengthy and complex grant applications.</p>	y	

Barbara J. Maldon, Cara Martinson	Delta Diablo Sanitation District		5/18/2009	<p>This letter provides comments on conceptual program approaches as requested during CEC workshops on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). We understand that the CEC expects to receive \$49.6 Million from the Department of Energy (DOE) for this program. We encourage the CEC to develop grant funding guidelines that expand the list of eligible applicants to include local districts and coalitions, such as ours, comprised of local public agencies; and to broaden the scope to include funding programs that would accommodate project development for biosolids to energy project development and implementation. This letter provides information on our Coalition and proposed project for which we are seeking a State funding partnership. Our project seeks to maximize sustainable resource utilization of Bay Area biosolids and other biomass that would otherwise be destined for landfill and minimize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This project addresses many State goals, including GHG emission reduction, reduction of fossil fuels consumption and development of renewable energy resources to meet the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) goals., this project aligns with goals of the Energy Independence and Security Act (ISA).</p>	y	
Nicole Almaguer	City of Albany		5/18/2009	<p>1) We strongly support a per capita formula to minimize the amount of unnecessary administration and staff time required to develop a competitive grant.2) We request that no eligible category of activity (e.g., transportation or materials efficiency) that the DOE allows the block grant funds to be used for should be restricted by the CEC 3) We do not support the loan concept - grant funds are much more usable by small governments, and small cities should not be required to do any more administrative work or have any restrictions above what has been placed on the larger agencies receiving block grant funds. Further, If a per capita formula is used, the CEC should consider including a</p>	y	C

Wendy Somme	Stopwaste.org		5/18/2009	<p>On behalf of Green Building in Alameda County, a program of StopWaste.Org, I am writing to support Conceptual Programs #1 and #2. 2 We are encouraging our member agencies, which include the 14 cities in Alameda County and the County itself, to leverage stimulus funds and coordinate efforts to retrofit existing homes through a countywide project. Since 3 of our cities and the unincorporated county area fall within the “small jurisdictions” category, we recommend that they receive a population-based formula allocation, so that some of the funding can be used to participate in the countywide program. Our countywide project is a comprehensive program for implementing energy efficiency, solar and other improvements in existing buildings and landscapes in Alameda County. It consists of sets of retrofit standards (or “green packages”) eligible for funding under the AB811-type special finance district that Alameda County is currently considering; systems to train workers and document results; and consumer marketing and incentives. The core objective is to strengthen the infrastructure to retrofit the County’s existing residential and small commercial buildings by overcoming obstacles that hinder widespread deployment of proven resource-efficient retrofit strategies. We believe that pursuing economies of scale (purchasing, administration, quantification) and scope (waste, energy, water) will maximize job creation and environmental benefits. Conceptual ProThe Commission would award funding, beginning with the highest scored proposals. We recommend that the Commission placed a strong emphasis on local government collaboration. instead of supporting programs</p>	y	C
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Adam Baughman	DOT - El Dorado County	[REDACTED]	5/18/2009	DOT favors Conceptual Program 3. Of the five conceptual programs, Program 3 would provide the most equitable opportunity for smaller jurisdictions to obtain funding. It would enable smaller jurisdictions to leverage larger funding to undertake larger projects that could result in greater job creation -- one of the key goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Conceptual Program 1 would be a continuation of the formula grants and most likely would result in less successful attainment of ARRA goals. For a primarily rural jurisdiction such as ours, a "best case" scenario of a \$7 per capita distribution with our estimated 176,200 residents (2006 estimates) would yield roughly \$1.2 million. While this is a sizable sum, it would likely not result in significant job creation. DOT would probably utilize these funds for energy efficiency upgrades to existing County facilities. Conceptual Program 2 incorporates a competitive component but does not ensure competition amongst comparable applicants. Larger jurisdictions with greater resources and funding capabilities would likely out-compete smaller jurisdictions by proposing programs that leverage higher amounts of existing funds, or creating numbers of jobs obligating the County to new loans and		
Kevin Jackson	City of Piedmont	[REDACTED]	5/18/2009	On behalf of the City of Piedmont, I am writing to support Conceptual Programs #1 and #2 as outlined in John Sugar's presentation to the CEC on May 7, 2009	y	C

Kyra Ross	League of California Cities		5/18/2009	<p>On behalf of the League of California Cities (League), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed guideline concepts for the allocation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We recognize the constraints that the CEC is under and appreciate the outreach the CEC has done to local governments in California.</p> <p>EECBG Guideline Concepts</p> <p>The League supports a combination of the guideline concepts presented by the Energy Commission staff at their EECBG Sacramento Workshop on May 8, 2009. In particular, the League supports the Conceptual Program 4 (competitive grants and loans) as well as funding for climate change planning as outlined in Conceptual Program 5.</p> <p>Conceptual Program 4, Competitive Grant and Low Interest Loan</p> <p>The League supports competitive grants and low interest loans to our cities because we believe this method of distribution spreads the grant funds among a significant number of cities. Similar to Community Development Block Grant funding, for which these funds are based, we believe that this approach will also allow local agencies to maximize funding by working collaboratively with local and regional partnerships on larger projects.</p> <p>While we are supportive of this concept, one of the main concerns we have heard from small cities is the administrative cost and burden of a competitive grant.</p>	y	C
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Dana Boudreau	Redwood Coast Energy Authority		5/18/2009	<p>The Redwood Coast Energy Authority is a joint powers authority (JPA) representing the County of Humboldt, all seven of its incorporated cities, and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. As the designated regional energy authority, our mission is to ensure long-term local energy sustainability through efficiency, demand reduction and increased use of renewable energy. . In these difficult fiscal times for local governments we are naturally very attentive to potential resources which can assist them to reduce energy consumption and lower operating costs. Of the five conceptual programs which you presented, we feel strongly that model one, population-based formula grants, is by far the most desirable for our region. Only this model assures that our member agencies will receive some benefit from energy-related stimulus funding, and addresses the inequities we often encounter as a result of our size and remote, rural location. Redwood Coast Energy Authority ARRA Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants for Small Cities & Counties It would seem that given the work load required by multiple stimulus streams layered on top of already resource-stretched agencies, both local and state, it makes sense to minimize administrative loads and streamline dissemination</p>	y	C
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Forest Kaser	Energy Solutions		5/18/2009	<p>Energy Solutions would like to offer comments on the five conceptual designs for the distribution of the State's \$19.6 million of discretionary ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding. These comments are based on the designs as shown in the presentation by Special Projects Manager John Sugar, accessed online at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/meetings/2009-05-eec/2009-05_SUGAR_EECBG.PDF.</p> <p>Energy Solutions supports Conceptual Program 3, which creates a competitive process in which proposals would be scored and ranked but splits funding into separate pools for small and large jurisdictions. We believe that this option would allow the best ideas to get funded while still giving smaller entities a chance to compete. We also recommend that the State provide guidance on the number and average dollar amounts of proposals that will be funded to help agencies determine whether bidding would be worthwhile. A two-stage process, in which mini-proposals are reviewed in Stage 1, and full proposals are reviewed in Stage 2, could also help to create an efficient process for funding the best ideas while minimizing the effort spent on less promising ideas.</p>	y	C

Sadigh, Emily	County of Alameda		5/19/2009	<p>“Small” counties and cities are partnering with neighboring jurisdictions that did receive substantial, formula grants. For example, Alameda County jurisdictions are partnering to develop a model countywide energy-efficiency retrofit program with rigorous technical standards, targeted outreach, contractor training, and performance verification – the type of program the CEC seeks to encourage. After reviewing the five conceptual proposals, we are concerned that the CEC may set conditions that the DOE did not set on recipients of direct formula grants. Additional conditions on “small” cities and counties in California would discourage partnerships. It will be difficult for regions to develop equitable cost divisions and sufficiently broad scopes for joint projects when some jurisdictions are receiving Block Grant funding under different terms and conditions than their neighbors (e.g., loans instead of grants, or grants with use restrictions). For this reason, no eligible category of activity permitted by the DOE should be excluded. We were surprised by comments made by presenters at the May 6 meeting that other federal stimulus grant programs (e.g., Clean Cities) are addressing</p>	y	C
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	NCPA		5/19/2009	<p>CEC imposes reporting requirements above and beyond current energy efficiency reporting requirements of publicly-owned utilities. • Competitive Solicitation - CEC awards funding based on highest quality proposals, including criteria such as cost-effectiveness, job creatio I1, funding leverage, and the likelihood of success. Competitive solicitations are problematic for small utilities that simply do not have the resources to effectively participate in such activities. NCPA supports the ability of Joint Action Agencies to participate in such competitive solicitations on behalf of small cities as long as such applications clearly define how the dollars will be distributed among the cities participating in the aggregated application. • Competitive Solicitation with Split Funding for Small Jurisdictions -In this instance, a separate funding pool would be made available for smaller jurisdictions, something NCPA would support. • Grants and Low Interest Loan Combo - In this instance, the CEC has suggested that onethird of the project cost could be funded through a grant, with the remainder through a low interest loan similar to what the CEC already does for various energy efficiency projects under the Energy Conservation Assistance Account (ECAA) program. As noted earlier in these comments, NCPA has a general concern with an overreliance on loans in these tough economic times. • Low Interest Planning Loans - With this approach, the CEC would provide funding to help small cities and counties develop energy elements of general plans. While the concept of providing incentives to develop energy elements of general plans might be a noble objective, the</p>	y	C

Scott Tomashefsky				NCPA is pleased to see the vast majority of the funding dollars (\$195 million) under the SEP program targeted toward residential and non-residential energy efficiency retrofits. Our concern lies with the allocation of the remaining \$30 million, dollars that we believe should be used to further promote the energy savings envisioned by the retrofit program and create additional jobs. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), billions of dollars are being made available to states to promote the development of green jobs, some of which could easily be used by the CEC and its workforce collaboration partners at the California Workforce Investment Board, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Department of Education, the California Community Colleges System, and the Department of Community Services and Development. Each agency appears to be committed to green workforce development, and NCPA supports this effort. Such efforts, however, should be fully funded through other elements of the ARRA and not the SEP program. Since the SEP program is already an established program at the CEC, using another \$10.3 million of taxpayer dollars to administer an already-established program seems excessive. While we agree that the significant increase in SEP program allocations warrant	y	C
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Wendy Winkler	City of Goleta		5/22/2009	<p>The City of Goleta (population 30,000) herein submits ten projects/programs for consideration by the California Energy Commission under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and State Energy Program. These projects and programs, taken collectively, create a lasting framework of leadership and commitment by Goleta to sustainable, environmentally friendly practices. I believe that you will find that Goleta is ahead of the curve for small communities in that we are already engaged in several partnerships with other local communities, public agencies, utilities, private non-profit organizations and Chambers of Commerce on a wide range of energy conservation measures, including small business and home audits, structural retrofits and upgrades of appliances and lighting, and water conservation and integrated waste source reduction and recycling. We also work with businesses, large and small, on environmentally friendly procurement policies. Goleta's Old Town Neighborhood has benefitted from our environmentally oriented revitalization efforts, tied to CDBG and Home Fund programs. Our solar energy rebate clinics and seminars for residents, general contractors and architects have been well attended, locally and regionally. To compliment those efforts, our outreach to the community has also included simple actions, such as the Holiday Light</p>	y	C
Wendy Winkler	Redwood coast Energy Authority		5/22/2009	<p>In CEC presentations on EECBG's, municipal governments and county governments are encouraged to aggregate their grants requests rather than submitting a large number of individual grant requests. Our agency, the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). We represent the incorporated cities and the county government of Humboldt County on energy matters. With respect to EECBG's, can RCEA serve as the aggregator for the individual grant requests from our member governments? Can we aggregate requests from mutiple governments into combined requests? Can we submit the aggregated requests with RCEA as the grant requester?</p>	y	C

Jody London	Jody London Consulting		5/26/2009	<p>Members of the LGSEC have been participating in person and by web in the CEC's that will allow local governments to public Interest Energy Resource demonstration and commercialization;expand and improve our sustainability programs, and help the State achieve its ambitious energy and climate change goals. The LGSEC has narrowed its priorities for ARRA funds to five areas: Resource Conservation Manager staff positions for local governments; Whole-house performance for middle income home owners; AB 811 programs; and Reaching beyond "shovel ready. 1. Resource Conservation Managers for local governments. Much of the work in California to reduce the impacts of climate change is expected to occur in the energy sector, particularly through stronger implementation of energy efficiency and green building policies and programs. One of the themes of the Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan, as well as the AB 32 Scoping Memo and other State policy documents, is the need for 1 The Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition includes: the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, the City of Berkeley, the City of Huntington Beach, the City of Irvine, the City of Pleasanton, the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Santa Monica, the County of Los Angeles, the County of Marin, the County of Ventura, the Energy Coalition, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. 2 The final version of the ARRA did not include any funds for facilities improvements at schools. and continued funding of the Resource Conservation Manager position to continue after ARRA funds expire.3 All local governments are facing</p>	y	C

Caroline Quinn	Delta Diablo Sanitation District		5/26/2009	We understand that the CEC expects to receive \$49.6 Million from the Department of Energy (DOE) for this program. We encourage the CEC to develop grant funding guidelines that expand the list of eligible applicants to include local districts and coalitions, such as ours, comprised of local public agencies; and to broaden the scope to include funding programs that would accommodate project development for biosolids to energy project development and implementation. This letter provides information on our Coalition and proposed project for which we are seeking a State funding partnership. Our project seeks to maximize sustainable resource utilization of Bay Area biosolids and other biomass that would otherwise be destined for landfill and minimize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This project addresses many State goals, including GHG emission reduction, reduction of fossil fuels consumption and development of renewable energy resources to meetthe state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) goals., this project aligns with goals of the Energy Independence and Security Act (ISA),	y	C
scott moyle	Geo H. E Honn company		5/28/2009	Can you please send me information on how a energy efficient product/manufacturer qualifies for the stimulus? For example, if it is American made, and how much qualifies for it to be considered American made.	y	C
Lisa M. Conley	Solar Turbines			It is nice that you are having 6 workshops in different areas, but I noticed that you do not have any scheduled for the San Diego area. Will there be meetings scheduled here in the future. The closest of these 6 is in Riverside. Northern Ca. is well covered why not Southern Ca.?		
			5/28/2009	Would like to have workshop closer to Bay Area Cities to reduce GHGs	y	
Norman Gilroy	Sonoma Valley Health care District is a Health Care Distric		6/2/2009	Are the block grants (or any part of them) available to special districts - in our case a Hospital District ? Would appreciate an answer. Norman Gilroy.	y	Q

Gail Henry	Tulare County - Resource Management Agency		6/2/2009	<p>It is my opinion that it would be efficient and fair to small cities and counties to have the EECBG funds allocated on a formula basis similar to the DOE formula allocation for large cities and counties. Some of the smaller cities and counties do not have the staff and expertise to apply effectively for these funds on a competitive basis.</p> <p>It could streamline the process further if the CEC adopted similar guidelines as set forth by the DOE for the large cities and counties.</p>	y	
Dana Armanino	Marin County Community Development Agency		7/20/2009	<p>To be clear, the cost-effectiveness criteria is total Btu saved divided by only the EECGB funds, correct? Not the total project cost? We do not have to include any rebates, loan amounts or other fund contributions?</p> <p>The projects you listed as example projects that would meet the cost effectiveness criteria penalizes communities that have been actively pursuing energy efficiency projects over the years as your projects are all low hanging fruit type projects that have already been completed in most of our buildings. What happens if we can't meet your criteria but still have projects that would produce savings like HVAC upgrades? Also, are all renewable energy projects eliminated from this program even if they have significant cost share that would allow them to meet the cost-effectiveness criteria?</p>	Y	Q
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Janelle York	Merced County Association of Governments		7/20/2009	<p>I was unable to make the web broadcast last Thursday, and I have a few questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Has the State finalized the guidelines for the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program?2. Have allocations been determined?3. Have you determined the deadline to apply?4. Our County would like to perform construction for a landfill gas utilization project. Is this an eligible activity?	Y	Q

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Jessaca Lugo	City of Shasta Lake		7/21/2009	<p>I have a general question in regards to cities that wish to implement a weatherization program with the EECB funding.</p> <p>1. Does the Weatherization program require a Feasibility Study?</p> <p>Also, if there is anything else we should know should we want to implement this program?</p>	y	

				<p>I have heard that the CEC is considering using its discretionary EECBG funding in a competitive manner for small cities and counties only. The assumption is that the small cities and counties cannot compete against the big cities and counties.</p> <p>Please consider that, just because a city or county is large, it doesn't mean their energy program is large or staffed well.</p> <p>My county is a good example. Even though Riverside is one of the larger counties in the state, I am the only energy staff person. Furthermore, our energy program has not been traditionally well-funded. As a result, we have a great deal of energy efficiency projects that need to be accomplished. Even though we are receiving \$6.5 million in EECBG funding directly from DOE, we have projects easily in excess of 4 times that amount.</p> <p>Traditionally, energy projects have been accomplished using deferred maintenance funds. Due to the economic downturn and the County's current budget crisis, deferred maintenance and even emergency deferred maintenance budgets have been slashed to the bone.</p> <p>Any sources of competitive funding available to our County at this point will be pursued. It would be a shame to have us eliminated from consideration, under the assumption that we our energy program is further ahead than small cities and counties and we have more funding/staffing available to us.</p>		
Purchase, Jane	County of Riverside		7/21/2009		y	
Mike Culver	City of Ojai		7/21/2009	Will material in this seminar apply to small cities as well as large?	y	

Megan Greve	City of Lathrop		7/21/2009	<p>The City of Lathrop attended the presentation regarding the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program Webinar on July 16, 2009. We were unable to e-mail questions at the time but had some questions we would like answers for.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is conversion to Solar Power an option under this program?2. Are CEQA and NEPA clearances needed? It comes from the funds the jurisdiction receives in its grant.me off of the amount allocated to the City using the formula or do you take that out of the other 30%?4. Will you have a sample feasibility study to follow that explains how to figure out the BTU's saved per \$1,000 spent ? We are working to put a couple of examples on line.5. How large are the loans that are available to use in conjunction with the stimulus funds? <p>The project that the City of Lathrop is interested in pursuing is a solar conversion. The City currently spends approximately \$40,000 per month on energy for its facilities. If the City could convert a portion of its energy to solar, it could reduce the long term costs for energy. The City proposes to convert City Hall and, if enough funds are available by combining a loan with the stimulus funds, its Civic Center and Senior Center as well. The City would use the dollars saved on utility bills as well as any incentive funds provided by PG & E as a source to repay the loan. Reduction of the interest rate for the loan from 3% to 1% would be very beneficial in making this project feasible.</p>	y
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				<p>Thanks for hosting the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant webinar today. You mentioned that solar and wind power generation equipment would not be eligible for funding under the EECBG small cities and counties program. Please answer the following questions at your earliest convenience:</p> <p>Would any portion of a landfill gas to energy project providing electricity to a collocated waste water treatment plant be eligible for funding? The funding formula described is to be based on DOE population numbers. Your website includes DOE population numbers for small cities. Do you also have DOE numbers for unincorporated areas in small counties? A rough estimate of the funding available to El Dorado County (based on 2000 Census population of 156,299 and May 09 unemployment rate of 11.3%) would be \$800,000, correct? Is it likely that any of the \$19.8 M remaining discretionary funds could be available for such a project? Is your answer based on potential legislative changes to the current AB 2176 requirements to use funds only for energy efficiency, not energy generation?</p>		
Dave Johnston	EDC Environmental Management		7/21/2009		y	
Cheryl Collart	Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance		7/21/2009	<p>1. Must the partnership be administered by a city or may it be lead by a regional energy office/ joint powers public agency on behalf of several small cities?2. Can funds be used by school districts in a partnership application? IF so, can the administration be managed through a regional energy office/ jpa.</p> <p>A governmental agency or a nonprofit entity may lead a partnership. Grants may only go to small cities and counties, a partnership may recieve the funds, with written authorization from the small jurisdiction. A small jurisdiction may use its funding for improving efficiency of schools in their jurisdiction.</p>	Y	
Mike Langford	City of Sausalito		7/21/2009	<p>You have the requirement that the project save X amount of dollars. Is that per year or over the lifetime of the product? I am not too familiar with calculating BTUs.</p>	y	

Mike Marcus	City of Benicia		7/21/2009	Will the 30-40% that is not being directly allocated be available for competitive grants? Please explain more about the 5% / 2.5% overhead. This has been referenced often, but with little details.	Y	
Kevin Bryant	Town of Woodside		7/21/2009	The draft guidelines say that “only one application per eligible applicant is allowed.” If we are contemplating joining a joint effort with other jurisdictions, would we be ineligible to submit an application for our own jurisdictions?	Y	Q
Emily Schell	ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS		7/21/2009	Will the cost of required feasibility studies (over the \$20,000 provided through CEC Technical Assistance) be reimbursable through the grant funds once approved?	y	Q
Bonnie Blue	City of Malibu		7/21/2009	Can water conservation and/or water use efficiency projects be eligible for funding if energy efficiency or savings associated with reduced water use are demonstrated? If so, how should this be demonstrated. The grant's savings are based on the energy savings. The proposed project must include an assessment of project costs as well as energy savings.	y	Q
Jeanet Kulcsar	David Taussig and Associates, Inc.		7/21/2009	During today’s presentation, it was mentioned public agencies have inquired about retrofitting non-residential and residential building that are within their jurisdiction, but not owned by a public agency. I have a similar inquiry, whereas a public agency we are working for is wondering if solar panels on the new construction of a 1.6MM SF warehouse could be eligible. Could you provide any guidance? AB 2176 allows grants for cost-effective energy efficiency.	y	

Emily Schel	ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS		7/21/2009	For a non-jurisdiction partnership, such as the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, are multiple applications (for different clusters of eligible jurisdictions) allowed to be submitted from the same partnership?	y	
Ditas Esperanza	City of Paso Robles		7/21/2009	Am I correct that a direct allocation of ARRA funds will be made to jurisdictions based on population? So if the City of El Paso de Robles has a population of about 27,000, would we receive a check for \$135K automatically? Do we need to identify what we will be using the money for?	y	
Elaine Berghausen	The Gualco Group, Inc.		7/21/2009	Representing Amador Water Agency, in partnership with Amador County. 2 questions and 1 comment: Re: the calculation of cost effectiveness. The guidelines state: Dollars spent/project costs include only EECBG funds. How would the cost effectiveness calculation be done for a large (\$13 million project), when the EECBG funds represent only a small portion (\$100,000) of the total project cost, with an annual savings of 2 million kwhs. 2) Telephone number of email address to request technical assistance?? Comment: Lowering the interest rate to 1% would be a huge benefit, particularly for projects serving disadvantaged communities. Also, longer repayment periods, beyond those currently offered, would help offset the rate impact to customers	y	
Encinas, Maria	City of Patterson		7/21/2009	We have conducted a feasibility study on energy conservation in retrofitting our street lights. We would save over 50 percent in energy consumption doing this. Did you mention earlier that the EEC would not pay to retrofit street lighting?	y	

Adrian Lopez	Yuba Community College District		7/21/2009	Can a community college partner with a local small city/county to help fund solar panel installations, central plant, etc.? Does it help if the community college district has bond dollars to leverage? Please advise, thanks.	Y	
Felicity Lyons	California Coalition for Rural Housing		7/21/2009	How soon will you know if you will have authorization to allow more than 5% administrative costs?		
Mary Pitto	Regional Council of Rural Counties		7/21/2009	Since the money is allocated to cities and counties, if there is a partnership formed, shouldn't the city of county be required to be a participant, whether or not they are the lead agency. Otherwise you will be receiving competing applications from cities and counties.		
Riley, Karen	County of Monterey		7/21/2009	Would a collaborative project between several cities and the county to create a revolving loan fund be an eligible project		
Nicole Almague	City of Albany		7/21/2009	Are there examples of the "feasibility studies" that the CEC will require? I would like to see what level of detail and calculations will be necessary as soon as possible to make sure we can meet upcoming deadlines. 2. Would a jurisdiction be able to apply for both the pass-through funds and the discretionary fund opportunities? 3. Is there possible legislation to lift the AB 2176 limitations? 4. Would an alternative energy (wind energy) feasibility study be an allowable project under EECBG funds?		
Richard Schwarz	Merced County		7/21/2009	If an entity has already completed a detailed study report for energy improvement measures with an ESCO, in accordance with Government Code 4219, are prevailing wages required to be paid by the ESCO to the contractors performing the installation?	Y	

				<p>A suggestion for program design: it seems that a very cost-effective use of these funds could be to leverage them with other funds being used to implement private-sector energy efficiency financing programs – e.g., AB 811 / municipal financing districts. However, the need for an engineering analysis of cost-effectiveness at a specific location would preclude that use.</p> <p>Could the Direct Purchase Option proposed in the guidelines be expanded to include direct purchase & direct install of specified energy-efficient home appliances (and if feasible, commercial or industrial equipment) to be made available to homeowners as part of a comprehensive retrofitting program? This option could be similar in application to (while not duplicating) existing utility rebate programs and Energy Star rebates.</p> <p>Funding for appliances would complement financing available through an AB811-type district, since property tax financing cannot be used for appliances that are not fixed to the property. Guidelines could be attached to this option to ensure appliances are available to low- and moderate-income residents and that they are installed as part of a comprehensive retrofit.</p>		
Louise Auerhahn	Associate Policy Director		7/21/2009			
				<p>Thanks for the link. I found the 183-page document titled "GUIDE TO PREPARING FEASIBILITY STUDIES for ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS". Yikes!</p> <p>By any chance is there an example of a targeted feasibility study that focuses on reducing residential plug loads? That would be a huge help to us.</p>		
Steve Schmidt	Los Altos Hills		7/21/2009		y	Q

Dana Armanino	Working Partnerships USA		7/21/2009	<p>To be clear, the cost-effectiveness criteria is total Btu saved divided by only the EECGB funds, correct? Not the total project cost? We do not have to include any rebates, loan amounts or other fund contributions?</p> <p>The projects you listed as example projects that would meet the cost effectiveness criteria penalizes communities that have been actively pursuing energy efficiency projects over the years as your projects are all low hanging fruit type projects that have already been completed in most of our buildings. What happens if we can't meet your criteria but still have projects that would produce savings like HVAC upgrades?</p> <p>Also, are all renewable energy projects eliminated from this program even if they have significant cost share that would allow them to meet the cost-effectiveness criteria?</p>		
Karen Riley	County of Monterey		7/21/2009	Monterey County has already received an allocation, but our unincorporated population is only about 110k. Should we be a "small county" or a "large county"?	Y	Q
Richard Schwarz	Merced County		7/21/2009	Will large cities and counties who received direct awards from the DOE be precluded from applying for the CEC grants? If a jurisdiction receives an EECBG grant directly from the Dep't of Energy, the would <u>not</u> qualify under the EECBG Program. Large jurisdictions, that receive a direct EECBG grant, are not qualified for this program.	Y	Q
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Guadalupe Rivera"	Sutter County Public Works		7/21/2009	<p>Question 1: As an example, if a city or county is eligible for \$250,000 based on the allocation formula, and estimates a project to cost \$350,000, is it possible that the full \$350,000 could be awarded or would the maximum grant be \$250,000?</p> <p>Question 2: Your website shows the "List of Small Cities with Population Figures per the U.S. Dept. of Energy". Do you have similar figures for counties?</p> <p>Question 3: Where could we find the figures for the unemployment rates that shall be used?</p>	Y	Q

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Devin Parker	Kumar Management		7/21/2009	<p>I recently attended the energy workshop in San Diego, where the mention of BTU's reduced will be the measuring stick for city's reduction goals. My question is what is the formula for discovering BTU's when it comes to lighting projects that deal with Lumens, Watts, and Kelvin.</p>		
Rick Phelps	Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 High Sierra Energy Foundation, PO Box 3511		7/21/2009	<p>Through our existing Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative (Cities of Bishop and Mammoth Lakes and Inyo and Mono Counties) - which we manage under resolution, we have identified several cost-effective lighting projects, but lack a formal feasibility study.</p> <p>Can you please help us out.</p>	Y	Q
	Kumar Management		7/21/2009	<p>I'm writing you to learn more about the Energy Partnership Program and helping Facilities become more Energy Efficient. I am a supplier of energy efficient Lamps that are TCLP compliant and industrial strength. Can you point me in the right direction as how I can help or be of service.</p>	Y	Q

Steve Schmid	Mammoth Lakes		7/21/2009	<p>Could you send a sample of a feasibility study?</p> <p>We have done an informal feasibility study for our program (a residential audit energy saving program for "High Energy" homes in our area) but we want to make sure we have everything we need prior to your solicitation.</p> <p>If it would be better for me to call and briefly describe the program</p> <p>I'd be happy to. Let me know what number, or who to ask for at the main CEC number. Could Joji please contact this person?</p>		
Mike Kunz	City of Arvin		7/21/2009	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the EECBG program Preliminary Block Grant Guidelines staff workshops. At the workshop in Santa Ana on July 15, 2009, CEC staff said that the allocation formula will use unemployment figures, but they used county-wide figures, which includes larger cities, such as Bakersfield. Bakersfield's relatively lower unemployment rate pulls down the overall county unemployment rate, but is not part of the small cities block grant program, skewing the numbers. Arvin's unemployment rate, for example, is 35.5%, according to EDD, but by factoring in Bakersfield's 10.0% unemployment rate, the overall county rate is 14.2%. This unfairly penalizes small, very poor cities and gives a false representation of conditions. The following link to the EDD website breaks down the unemployment rates by county, and each county link downloads a spreadsheet that includes each jurisdiction in the county. Those jurisdictions' unemployment rates are listed on the spreadsheet.</p> <p>http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/?pageid=133</p> <p>Another issue is the allocation of the \$49.6 million allocated to the Energy Commission for distribution. \$302 million is being allocated directly to large, relatively wealthy cities over 35,000 population. The \$49.6 million is split into \$29.8 million for allocation to small cities, and \$19.8 million at the discretion of the Energy Commission. The \$19.8 million will be distributed on a competitive project basis. Since the large</p>		
Lauren Apone	City of Lemoore		7/21/2009	<p>Can EECBG be used for the purchase of a CNG refuse vehicle?</p>		

				Would any portion of a landfill gas to energy project providing electricity to a collocated waste water treatment plant be eligible for funding? The funding formula described is to be based on DOE population numbers. Your website includes DOE population numbers for small cities. Do you also have DOE numbers for unincorporated areas in small counties? A rough estimate of the funding available to El Dorado County (based on 2000 Census population of 156,299 and May 09 unemployment rate of 11.3%) would be \$800,000, correct? Is it likely that any of the \$19.8 M remaining discretionary funds could be available for such a project? Is your answer based on potential legislative changes to the current AB 2176 requirements to use funds only for energy efficiency, not energy generation?		
	EDC Environmental		7/21/2009			
RICHARD E. BATTERSBY	Director, Fleet Services, University of California, Davis		7/21/2009	How would the UC system or an individual UC campus fit into the EECBG program?		
Bonnie Blue	City of Malibu		7/21/2009	<p>Thank you for the very informative webinar yesterday on the EECBG small cities program guidelines.</p> <p>The speaker said the Energy Commission could provide free energy assessments for cities, up to \$20,000, and technical assistance in the development of an eligible project. The City of Malibu would like to request an energy assessment and technical assistance.</p> <p>The City currently is in escrow for the purchase of an existing building that will serve as Malibu's first City-owned city hall. The hope is that EECBG funds could assist in making energy efficiency upgrades for this building. As we are already in the process of developing a green building ordinance for the City, we see this as a great opportunity to learn from our own experience in improving efficiency and to be able to share what we learn with the community.</p> <p>Please let me know who our contact person would be and how to proceed Could Joji please contact this person?</p>	Y	

William J Schonlau	Modular Motion Systems		7/21/2009	Many thanks for the EECBG Workshop webinar yesterday, July 16, it was very informative. An important point that came forth was that this program is specifically for collaboration with cities of less than 35,000 people, I have learned that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has a population near 50,000 and will presumably not be eligible for this program. Our group, Modular Motion Systems, has developed what we believe to be an excellent and inexpensive system for traffic signal control that significantly reduces fuel consumption on city roadways. Our models suggest that we surpass the cost effectiveness criterion presented during the webinar by one or two orders of magnitude and our system is inexpensive and easy to install on existing signal equipment, we would be happy to send our brief presentation to any interested party. We would be very grateful if you could recommend a course of action for us that is not precluded by the city size criterion?	y	
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				At the workshop in Santa Ana on July 15, 2009, CEC staff said, and the handouts confirmed, that the allocation formula for small cities will use a “cost-effectiveness” measuring system using a set of BTU per dollar formulae to decide if a qualifying project is cost effective. The program is quite engineering intensive, and fails to take into account forward-looking small cities who may have already completed extensive energy-efficiency programs, such as lighting and control retrofits and HVAC modifications. These small cities who have already tackled the “low hanging fruit” will have some difficulty finding “cost-effective” programs to implement using the criterion presented. A small city may wish to move towards the next step of photovoltaic or fuel cell technology, but these program requirements will not fit that technology. Meanwhile, larger cities such as Bakersfield are using the EECBG funds received via direct allocation to install photovoltaic farms without qualifying as “cost effective”. While the commission’s mandate to achieve the most energy efficiency per dollar allocated is understandable, small rural cities must be allowed the leeway to meet the needs of their unique communities without prohibitive restrictions.		
Mike Kunz"	City of Arvin		7/21/2009		y	
Felicity Lyons	ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS		7/21/2009	What point in time will the unemployment rates be drawn from for use in the grant formula, and whose numbers will be used?	Y	

Narisa Chu, Ph.D.	Co-founder - CWLab International, Ltd.		7/21/2009	<p>Thank you for your prompt response: 834 KWh energy saved per \$1,000 cost over the lifetime of the equipment replaced is much clear and reasonable. Incidentally, BTU is not as an international standard as KWh. It is preferable that the energy saving units are specified in standard international measurements.</p> <p>I would also like to provide my comments to the State Energy solicitation policy for the \$13.9M discretion fund under the auspices of the California Energy Commission for small counties/cities open competition. As noted in the meeting on July 15 in Santa Ana by me and others as well, this discretion fund should be open only to small counties/cities, not to those with population over 25,000/7,000, respectively, for reasons stated below:</p> <p>1. Large counties/cities have already received more than \$300M grants for energy efficiency and cost saving initiatives.</p> <p>2. Small counties/cities have different infrastructure overhead and framework. The same plans for the large entities might not achieve the same efficiency in the small jurisdictions. A good example is with any central control unit where there is not the same large population to share the start-up cost.</p> <p>3. Small jurisdictions, e.g., Barstow, San Juan Capistorano, etc., are world-enviable places for solar/wind/wave energy testing and generation projects, without the obstacles of dense population and buildings as commonly existed in large jurisdictions. Discounting these natural settings and resources while giving proposals that are catered to large jurisdictions, truly defeats the purposes of efficiency and</p>	Y	
Karen Gaffney	WEST COAST WATERSHED N/A		7/21/2009	<p>The North Coast IRWMP would like to formally request technical assistance from the CEC – I will also send a separate e-mail to you with this request.</p>	y	
Mike Langford"	City of Sausalito		7/21/2009	<p>I spoke with Adel Suleiman today and he said that the information I had was wrong. The 10 million btu's per \$1000 dollars spent is annual not lifetime. He also said that replacing the doors and windows may not qualify as it would not meet the qualifications. He did suggest that we get and audit by the EPP on that project as well a other potential projects so we can see what would qualify and what would be the most cost effective.</p>	N	

Rick Phelps	High Sierra Energy Foundation,		7/22/2009	Would the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) be an acceptable partnership? It's composed of 2 elected officials from both Inyo and Mono Counties and 2 each from Mammoth Lakes and the City of Bishop.	y	
Rick Phelps	High Sierra Energy Foundation,		7/22/2009	<p>The application for Technical Assistance requires a Governing Board Resolution. This will delay obtaining feasibility studies through the CEC Technical Assistance Program and will further push back the timeliness of projects. Any ideas?</p> <p>And, if a partnership is not possible through the ESCOG, that would mean for governing resolutions! More money will be spent obtaining resolutions than in conducting feasibility studies.</p>	N	C
Sadigh, Emily	County of Alameda,		7/22/2009	We are interested in learning more about how to accessing the funds for feasibility studies (e.g., for cost-effectiveness of residential/commercial property energy efficiency retrofit programs) as explained at the July 16 meeting. Please let us know how to proceed.	N	
Kevin Bryant	City of Woodside		7/24/2009	<p>1. Has the on-line calculator referred to on page 6 of the Preliminary Guidelines been created?</p> <p>2. Regarding Table 1 of the Preliminary Guidelines, what is the time unit for savings. Our working assumption is that the energy units saved would apply to the life of the project. For example, if we were to spend \$10,000 on a piece of equipment that used natural gas, we would need to save 1,000 Therms over the life of the equipment.</p>	N	

Perri Kaller	REDI		7/25/2009	<p>workshop, and I am assuming EECBG small communities is coming to a close. We are a 501C(3), coordinating and facilitating many of these programs with local governments, IOUs and yourselves. Rural communities traditionally have little resources to negotiate these robust, yet complex programs. Often there is no energy manager, or even energy champion, and coordination and education is necessary to facilitate energy program applications. Many non-profits are vital to these program roll outs. Yet we are traditionally plagued with underfunding, high demand, and small administration budgets. With administration fees restricted to 2.5%, and Marketing Education and Outreach prohibited by AB 2176, there is little room to cover infrastructure and administrative costs, and staffing. I personally have put in over 70 hour workweeks for a prolonged period of time, as I know you, at the Energy Commission, have put forth as well. That is not sustainable. There is a desperate need for infrastructure funding, beyond implementations to facilitate the type of well thought out, verifiable tracking and program participation coordination anticipated. Unfortunately, due to \$5/capita allocations, while equitable, will not cover these</p>	N	
Michael Chiacos	Community Environmental Council		7/27/2009	<p>We are putting on a Small Cities Energy Symposium and are wanting to tie in work on the EECBG funding. When do you expect the solicitation to go out, and when will the cities need to submit their applications by? The last I heard was solicitation in September, applications in October, is this accurate?</p>	Y	
Mike Marcus	Community Development Department		7/28/2009	<p>Will the 30-40% that is not being directly allocated be available for competitive grants?Please explain more about the 5% / 2.5% overhead. This has been referenced often, but with little details.</p>		

Hall, Rich	Butte County		7/28/2009	<p>Butte County has approximately \$1.5 million in energy efficiency projects (lighting and HVAC improvements) ready to go, and are just awaiting the release of the final guidelines and application. These projects were identified by an energy audit finalized in March 2008, but at that point the County had only enough capital funding to do the most cost effective project, a revamping of the HVAC system at the main jail. Where we will need the assistance offered at the workshop this last Wednesday is in converting the energy audit findings, which are presented in terms of dollar savings, to Btu savings as required in the guidelines. Can you send me the contact information of someone we can begin working with to make this conversion?</p>	Adel answered verbally	
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krista salas	Community Development Department		7/28/2009	Many of my questions were answered by other attendees, however, I have one remaining question that I still do not have answered. In your presentation you mentioned that as a part of the program the Energy Commission is able to provide energy assessments of up to \$20,000 of your consultants cost per assignment. I believe you mentioned that your organization is always looking for consultants to partner with to provide these energy assessments to the interested parties. What I would like to know is how does an organization go about initiating a relationship with the Energy Commission to become one of your energy audit consultants? You indicated that your team of consultants that do these energy audits will be very busy so I am wondering how we could help. My husband, John Salas, is a principal at Salas O'Brien Engineers which is based in San Jose, CA and they have been involved in providing energy audits for a very long time. Please let me know whom he should contact to further discuss a potential partnership with your organization.		
Twana Karney	City of Benicia		8/3/2009	can a Lead Partner be a for-profit business whose main business is to provide home energy audits for a fee, providing that they meet all the other requirements in the Guidelines?	y	
Felicity Lyons	Town of Hillsborough		8/3/2009	<p>These questions pertain to Town of Hillsborough with population little over 11,000 people.</p> <p>1. How many years can capital cost be amortized for kWh/\$ calc (we know how many kWh will be saved per year)?</p> <p>2. What's the maximum ask amount?</p> <p>3. Rebates: If we find a rebate or other matching source of funds, how does that affect the \$/kWh? In other words, if we have a \$50,000 pump and find a \$10,000 rebate, then the grant request would be \$40,000. Could we then apply the \$40,000 (not \$50,000) against the total kW-h saved to calculate our \$/kWh?</p>	y	

Sally Martin	RHA Inc.		8/4/2009	<p>I am a NoRTEC board member and we are working to put together an 11 county, 26 city collaborative application here in the north state. We would like to do audits of all the city/county facilities and identify the most cost effective projects and then apply for those projects. My question is - audits are an allowable activity under the EECBG program but how do you pay for them if they need to be done ahead of the actual EECBG application that must show the feasibility study/energy savings associated with the measures identified by the audit. How do you recommend that this happen...can we do the audits before the EECBG program receives final approved and include the audit costs that occurred prior to the final rules coming out as part of the project cost?</p>	n	
Mary Pitto	Regulatory Affairs Advocate RCRA		8/4/2009	<p>In order to avoid competing applications within a region covering multiple jurisdictions and/or agencies, it should be clear that a regional application must have the approval of all cities (City Councils) and counties (Board of Supervisors) within the proposed region to be considered eligible.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the guidelines.</p>		
Nicole Almaguer			8/3/2009	<p>I think examples/templates of feasibility studies (or the information that will be sought on the application to satisfy this requirement) would be very helpful to all of us if received as well in advance as possible.</p>		

Ditas Esperanza, P.E.	City of Paso Robles		8/3/2009	Am I correct that a direct allocation of ARRA funds will be made to jurisdictions based on population? So if the City of El Paso de Robles has a population of about 27,000, would we receive a check for \$135K automatically? Do we need to identify what we will be using the money for?		
Devin Parker	Kumar Management		8/3/2009	I'm writing you to learn more about the Energy Partnership Program and helping Facilities become more Energy Efficient. I am a supplier of energy efficient Lamps that are TCLP compliant and industrial strength. Can you point me in the right direction as how I can help or be of service.		
Pooja Gupta	Town of Hillsborough		8/3/2009	These questions pertain to Town of Hillsborough with population little over 11,000 people. 1. How many years can capital cost be amortized for kWh/\$ calc (we know how many kWh will be saved per year)? 2. What's the maximum ask amount? 3. Rebates: If we find a rebate or other matching source of funds, how does that affect the \$/kWh? In other words, if we have a \$50,000 pump and find a \$10,000 rebate, then the grant request would be \$40,000. Could we then apply the \$40,000 (not \$50,000) against the total kW-h saved to calculate our \$/kWh?		
Ditas Esperanza			8/3/2009	My question was: WILL PASO ROBLES AUTOMATICALLY GET ARRA MONEY BASED ON POPULATION AND NOT HAVE TO COMPETE?		

Emily.Sadigh	cgov.org		8/3/2009	<p>Page 6 of the Draft Block Grant Guidelines state that “dollars spent” to calculate cost-effectiveness include only EECBG funds. Do the BTUs reduced include the entire project, including portions funded by other sources? If so, is it correct to say that a project with additional matching funds will appear more cost-effective, all else being equal?</p> <p>2) What source did the Energy Commission use to determine unemployment rates, and will you release the numbers you used to calculate each jurisdiction’s allocation (e.g., population and unemployment rate)?</p> <p>3) Is there a significance to the different categories of cost-effective projects mentioned on p. 7 and p. 8-9 of the Draft Block Grant Guidelines? Wastewater and streetlights are not mentioned on pp. 8-9.</p> <p>□</p>		
Diane Nguyen	City of Wildomar		8/3/2009	<p>At the July 15th Energy Workshop in Santa Ana, Commission staff noted that Cities incorporated after 2007 were in a special circumstance. As a result, the population numbers used for the formula distribution would be the population on the date of incorporation. I have been informed by Commission staff this Friday that the staff will recommend a different approach, that is, to utilize 2007 Census information for the City of Wildomar's population. This directly conflicts with statements made at the Santa Ana workshop. The City of Wildomar questions this approach, as the 2007 population figure is lower than the City's (date of incorporation) population of 28,000. Is it equitable to use a 2007 population figure a year before City incorporation of July 2008? The City is interested in further discussion with Commission staff on this, and also wants to know how is the City of Menifee's population formula being calculated? Menifee incorporated October 2008.....are 2007 Census population figures being used for the City of Menifee?</p>		
Jeff Rubin	City of Calabasas		/3/2009	<p>Are existing public swimming pools eligible to be retrofitted with high energy efficiency pool motors and/or heaters?</p>		

Juan Arias	Napa County Department of Public Works		8/3/2009	Does the administration allowance cover design and inspection costs?	Y	Q
Mike Marcus,	City of Benicia		8/3/2009	Would the funds allow for a City to hire an outside company to do residential energy audits?		
<Orien.Carr	compucom		8/3/2009	Does this apply to the Data Center energy efficiency efforts?		
Sharon Campbell	blaisassoc		8/3/2009	In the workshop on July 15,2009 staff presented the idea, as an example, that it would be possible to purchase energy efficient refrigerators for say seniors as a direct purchase however this is not on the direct purchase list (Attachment B). Is this no longer an option as a direct purchase? Will the list be expanded?	Y	Q
Ethan Sprague	ConSol.		8/3/2009	1) If a small city was to run a residential retrofit program, which of the categories below would be used to quantify the dollars in the eligibility calculation (cost effectiveness):Program administration Marketing Customer payment for retrofit work – minus rebates 2) Would the cost effectiveness be calculated on a per home basis or on a program basis? 3) Please confirm that utility		
Maria Sanders	City of El Cerrito		8/3/2009	What is the contact information for getting feasibility study assistance from your staff? Adel Sulieman, John Butler, John Sugar, and others	y	

Maria Sanders	City of El Cerrito		8/3/2009	3) If we don't have all our project feasibility studies complete to fully justify getting all our allocation by the time we submit an application, can we submit the application later?		
Maria Sanders	City of El Cerrito		8/3/2009	2) If we participate in a partnership as the lead applicant, are we responsible as the lead partner to ensure that all other partners comply with federal reporting requirements? That is, what is our liability if a partner comes up short in reporting requirements?		
Steve Schmidt	Los Altos Hills		8/3/2009	In the workshop today you asked to be informed about possible partnerships. I am leading an effort to use EECBG funds for energy reductions in "high energy" homes within a number of residential towns here in Silicon Valley. The target towns represent 5 of the top 7 PG&E towns in terms of energy use per household.		
Caroline Cheng	City of Brisbane		8/3/2009	One of the projects we were hoping to use the stimulus funds we've been allocated (\$25,000) was for a motorized pool cover for our Community Pool. This would allow for far less use of the boiler system to heat the pool, as the heat would be well-insulated through the nighttime and other times the pool isn't in use. We were thinking that the pool cover would be motorized, as these types have been demonstrated to provide for even greater energy efficiency. I just wanted to make sure that this could be one of the uses for the stimulus funds we've been allocated. Can you please advise?	Y	Q
Jenkins, Jennifer	County of Humboldt		8/3/2009	If participating in a partnership, can the partnership submit an application requesting funds for all of the small cities/counties included in the partnership?	Y	
Richard A. Schwarz,	Assistant Public Works Director merced county		8/3/2009	It is stated that the DOE population estimates are used in the allocation formula. Where can we get that data to verify the validity of the information?		
Juan Arias	Napa County Department of Public Works		8/3/2009	By when do the feasibility studies have to be submitted?		

Mark Hensley	Verizon	[REDACTED]	8/3/2009	Energy Crews has developed a program for LA County Cities and local governments that provides training and creates jobs for local residents to perform home and small business energy audits. An Energy Crew member makes recommendations to residents and business owners regarding energy efficiency as it may pertain to the envelope of their building, available mechanical and behavioral changes, informs residents on available State and Federal incentive programs and install simple energy saving measures on the spot. Should Energy Crews be in contact with your office to explain our program in more detail before submitting an application on behalf of a small		
Jessica von Borck	Town of Los Gatos	[REDACTED]	8/3/2009	Can the funds be used for new construction? The Town has an approved/shovel ready library project that is designed to obtain LEED Gold. This will be replacing an existing library. Jessica		
Mike Marcus	City of Benecia	[REDACTED]	8/3/2009	If a project is denied, can a City reapply with a new project? What is the process?		
david Matson	County of Santa Barbara	[REDACTED]	8/3/2009	Assuming, the cost-effectiveness criteria can be met and demonstrated in the feasibility analysis, we are interested as to how EECBG funds can be leveraged with SEP funds to establish a regional AB811-type program. The guidelines are not specific, but the linkage is clearly made in the SEP draft guidelines. Will the final guidelines explicitly state that funds may be used to support the establishment of regional AB811-type programs?		
Jennifer Jenkins	County of Humboldt	[REDACTED]	8/3/2009	If submitting a proposal as a partnership covering multiple cities and counties do we have to Use funds allocated to a small city ONLY in that city? Use funds allocated to a small county ONLY in that county?		

Sadigh, Emily	acgov		8/3/2009	<p>To restate previous questions, could the CEC please release the actual population numbers you are using, that you received from the DOE? DOE did not publish the actual figures that resulted from their complex formula calculations so we don't otherwise have access to them.</p> <p>2) Will the letter to mayors/Board of supervisors request specific project details, or just a statement of intent to apply?</p> <p>□</p>		
David Matson	County of Santa Barbara		8/3/2009	<p>Thanks for the comments. Of note, CEC guidelines for the SEP (page 21) state that EEBCG or other math funds MUST be used to support an AB811-type program</p>		
Kerianne Hewitt	County of Ventura		8/3/2009	<p>The SEP program guidelines state:</p> <p>"you must be willing to match the Energy Commission's SEP funds received with an equal amount of your own EEBCG, or the total amount of EEBCG received, whichever is lower..."</p> <p>Are you saying this isn't possible?</p>		
Arias, Juan	Napa		8/3/2009	<p>Does the allocation to small jurisdictions allow for construction contingencies?</p>		
Sharon Campbell	blaisassoc.com		8/3/2009	<p>the applicants project is not accepted for funding, will the CEC allow the applicant to submit a different project or do they lose their allocation?</p>		
Twana Karney	Director, Green@Home Program		8/3/2009	<p>Question: Can a Lead Partner be a for-profit business whose main business is to provide home energy audits for a fee, providing that they meet all the other requirements in the Guidelines?</p>		
Nancy Richards	Program Director		8/3/2009	<p>Will you be asking the jurisdictions if they are interested in participating in a Collaborative Partnership in the letter you are sending this week? I am referring to the letter mentioned in the Aug 3rd guidelines workshop which is asking for a response from the jurisdictions by Aug 21 as to whether they are planning to participate in the eecgb funding opportunity. Sierra Business Council is considering aggregating a partnership of Sierra Nevada counties and cities.</p>		

"Sally Martin"	RHA Inc.		8/4/2009	I am a NoRTEC board member and we are working to put together an 11 county, 26 city collaborative application here in the north state. We would like to do audits of all the city/county facilities and identify the most cost effective projects and then apply for those projects. My question is - audits are an allowable activity under the EECBG program but how do you pay for them if they need to be done ahead of the actual EECBG application that must show the feasibility study/energy savings associated with the measures identified by the audit. How do you recommend that this happen...can we do the audits before the EECBG program receives final approved and include the audit costs that occurred prior to the final rules coming out as part of the project cost?		
Forest Kaser	Energy Solutions		8/4/2009	The federal EECBG formula grant guidelines permitted funds to be used to develop a strategy (i.e. identify cost-effective projects by conducting audits and engineering analyses). Can state EECBG funds also be used to identify projects that are cost effective? For example, if a city spends an initial amount on a study of energy savings opportunities in municipal facilities and determines that there are very cost-effective projects to be completed, can it bundle the cost of the study with the expected savings from the project? If no cost-effective opportunities are revealed in a given study, can a city still bundle the cost of the study with other projects already identified that are highly cost-effective?		

				<p>Could you explain what exactly is meant by the requirement to “certify that they are the most cost-effective energy efficiency project opportunities” on page 7 of the current guidelines draft? Does this implicitly prohibit the use of grant funds for photovoltaic installations even if they meet the cost-effectiveness requirements and are bundled with energy efficiency projects?</p> <p>Also, the guidelines state “dollars spent/project costs include only EECBG funds” which seems to imply that if an applicant is only using EECBG funds for a portion of the total project cost then only that portion would be considered in the cost-effectiveness ratio. However the next sentence states “No utility rebates or incentives, loan funding, or other potential sources of match funds may be considered in the dollars spent/project cost when calculating this cost-effectiveness ratio.” Since there would obviously be no desire to add otherwise-covered costs into the cost-effectiveness ratio, thereby reducing the apparent cost-effectiveness, is this stating that applicants cannot subtract these costs from the total project cost when calculating this ratio? If so it seems to contradict the initial statement that only EECBG funds are included in the ratio, so could you please clarify this point as well?</p>		
Emily Schell	ambag.org		8/4/2009			

Nancy Richards	Program Director		8/5/2009	<p>1. Will the administrative CEC costs be factored into the jurisdictions' cost effectiveness calculations?</p> <p>2. How will the budget trailer bill amendment to allow climate change planning (pg 6 of Aug 3rd presentation) work? Will the cost effective criteria apply? How is "climate change planning" defined? Where can I find more information on what is allowed for planning?</p> <p>3. Does the direct equipment purchase option include installation costs or is just the equipment itself funded? And what will be the requirement for verifying that the equipment is installed?</p> <p>4. Can a non-profit "agency" eligible for leading a collaborative partnership be any 501 (c) 3 non-profit, or is "agency" a special classification of non-profit.</p> <p>5. If a project cannot be completed by Sept 2012, will the complete award be terminated or could there be a partial award for the parts of the project completed?</p> <p>6. There were a number of questions during the Aug 3rd workshop regarding funds for residential projects? Am I mistaken thinking the eecgb funds have to be used for local government facilities?</p> <p>7. Cost effectiveness--#3 pg 6 of 7/31 Guidelines draft: Please explain: "Dollars spent/project costs include only EECBG funds. No utility rebates or incentives, loan funding or other potential sources of</p>		
Maria Sanders	City of El Cerrito		8/5/2009	<p>I am very interested in receiving assistance from your staff on getting HVAC recommendations for our EECBG feasibility studies. We have relatively old HVAC systems in 16 buildings. 2 buildings are over 15,000 square feet. The rest range between 2,000 and 6,000 square feet.</p>		

Andra Lorenz,	City of Foster City		8/5/2009	<p>Today we received the letter to Mayor Kiramis from EECBG Program Manager John Sugar. We were excited to receive it as we participated in the webinar on Monday and were therefore expecting it. However, we are concerned because the allocation that was shown in the materials for the webinar is significantly higher than the allocation that is shown in the letter we received today. Monday's materials showed \$157,425.84 (which is approximately what we were expecting with our roughly 30,000 population), while the letter shows only \$81,622.</p> <p>We are definitely preparing to spend our allocation and will submit the Intent to Apply to that effect, but the difference in amounts is of concern to us. Can you please confirm whether we should be preparing for a grant amount of \$157,426 or \$81,622.</p>		
Rich, Chris	City of santa Barbara		8/7/2009	<p>Given the spirit and intent of the Federal economic stimulus program and the California Energy Commission's (CEC) EECBG Guidelines, a unique opportunity exists to leverage these funds to set up a regional solar and energy efficiency finance district, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 811. Specifically, the CEC's State Energy Program (SEP) has released guidelines that will award significant competitive funding for AB 811-type programs and related workforce development opportunities. According to these guidelines, the County could leverage the \$772,634 currently allocated by the CEC under the small city/county EECBG program to receive a matching SEP award, thereby providing the approximate \$1.3 million required to establish a regional program on the central coast, similar to the national model created by the County of Sonoma, California.</p> <p>Without a doubt, such a program would achieve multiple long-term and lasting goals including job creation, as well as the reduction of energy use and GHG emissions throughout the region. Accordingly, a high degree of public interest and expectations have been focused on Federal economic stimulus programs administered by the CEC.</p> <p>Please direct this email to the appropriate staff, so that Santa Barbara County can ensure its EECBG application includes</p>		

Cruz Ramos	CITY OF SAN JOAQUIN		8/10/2009	<p>, I am most anxious to provide input. San Joaquin is a rural, agricultural based community of 4,065. We are approximately 35 miles from our nearest urban neighbor, the City of Fresno, where residents go to shop or to avail themselves of services not readily available in San Joaquin. Our current unemployment rate is 34.9%, much greater than that of the County of Fresno. Most of our families meet or exceed the federal guidelines for poverty and now largely depend on food distributions; lining up as early 6 am and some waiting in line until 7 pm to receive their food allocation.</p> <p>I don't need to explain how the water issue, along with the depressed economy have impacted our residents. As the city's administrator, working alongside 11 city staff, it is my job to find ways to maximize our resources and minimize spending. In that regard, we view the EEBGC as a resource that will enable us to conserve energy while helping reduce costs for persons that are vastly underserved and economically depressed.</p> <p>We view the EECBG as a win-win for all, if several current limiting factors in the proposed guidelines are amended; these include:</p> <p>1) Small cities under 5,000 in population should get the minimum \$25,000 as suggested in the Guidelines, and in addition be eligible for the unemployment kicker...</p> <p>a) The unemployment kicker should be based on each individual city's unemployment rate and not the</p>	N	
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Falicia	Willdan Energy Solutions	[REDACTED]	8/10/2009	<p>I am reading the preliminary guidelines for the program, could you please clarify the following: Under #18, section A) page 14 Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis, after the recipient submits the appropriate invoice(s) to the Energy Commission. (If an applicant is receiving funds from other funding source(s), total funds requested but all sources hall not exceed the total cost of the project.) Does this mean once an award agreement is made and a proposal by the city has been approved by the CEC. A city will have to front the cash for the project first then submit an invoice to the CEC for reimbursement?</p>	N	
Jose Antonio Ramirez	City of Firebaugh	[REDACTED]	8/10/2009	<p>I echo the same elements that our Colleague (Cruz Ramos) has raised via this communication. The City of Firebaugh's unemployment is 28.9%. We support her comments and recommendations.</p>	Y	C
Cheng, Caroline	City of Brisbane	[REDACTED]	8/10/2009	<p>Do you know when the EECBG solicitation document will be ready? We've been allocated \$25,000 according to Attachment A of the Staff Draft that's been out since 7/31, and were wondering what information we need to pull together and if there is a deadline? I talked to someone from the CEC at the Road to Recovery conference in San Jose a couple weeks back and he said for cities that are eligible to receive a minimum of \$25,000 based on a formula-based allocation methodology have no deadline? Also, can we use the funds to purchase a motorized pool cover? This would save the boiler from having to kick on to bring the temperature back up to ~82 degrees...dramatically lowering bills to PG&E. We already have a solar array installed at the pool, and the motorized pool cover would allow for us to purchase less therms from PG&E every month.</p>	Y	

Jane Gomery	City of Burlingame		8/11/2009	<p>The City of Burlingame is interested in applying for EECBG funding for some projects within our community. Many of these projects would qualify for the direct purchase program. Can you please give me more information on how that process will work within the preliminary guidelines? For instance will a feasibility study be required to request reimbursement to purchase induction lamps for our street lights, or a replacement boiler for our recreation center? How do we understand the costs associated with a bulk purchase? Will the guidelines provide more details on the part of the application process?</p>	Y	
Alicia Heideman	City of Lomita		8/11/2009	<p>It has come to our attention that CEC has sent out "Intent to Apply" forms to the small cities which are eligible for the EECBG program. The City of Lomita is eligible however we have not received this form. Can you please email me a .pdf version so we may get it back to you before the August 21st deadline.</p>	Amir to follow up	

Forest Kaser	Energy Solutions		8/12/2009	I wanted to clarify whether studies (e.g. building audits) are reimbursable with EECBG funds. I understand that a study itself would not meet the cost-effectiveness eligibility criterion as no energy savings would be realized. However, this is an important step in helping a city or county determine which projects are most cost-effective. Using the “coupling” strategy described on page 9 of the preliminary guidelines, could a study that reveals a highly cost-effective opportunity be coupled with the implementation of the retrofit itself to meet the criterion?	y	
Nicole Almaguer	City of Albany		8/12/2009	Albany is seeking to replace its LED street lights with EECBG funds - for two main reasons: A Albany is seeking to replace its LED street lights with EECBG funds - for two main reasons: 1. It has been identified in the CEC grant guidelines as a cost effective measure & 2. Our City Council/Administration is highly supportive of the concept.In an effort to get ahead of the grant application curve, staff met with PG&E to discuss their "turnkey" LED streetlight replacement program. They are currently developing a price estimate for replacement of our city's streetlights (a total of 792 lights). This estimate will likely come in well over our allotted EECBG allocation, and we will be seeking other funding opportunities to cover the difference, including one of the CEC low interest loans. We are also trying to seek the most affordable option, leading to my question re. direct purchase with EECBG: Per the EECBG guidelines LED streetlights are included as one of the "direct purchase" items. Are there any cost estimates available for us to compare to what PG&E may quote us, or is this direct purchase perhaps coordinated with PG&E?		

Richard Prima	Clearwire		8/13/2009	<p>I am working with a very small city on improvements at their wastewater treatment plant, which consists of partially mechanically aerated ponds. We need to increase the aeration and our wastewater consultant is recommending additional mechanical aerators (the existing and proposed aerators are electric-powered). Based on my reading of the EECBG draft guidelines and Q&A sheet on the website, it is unclear to me if using these funds to purchase solar powered aerators to reduce the number of grid-powered aerators would be eligible.</p> <p>I would appreciate receiving clarification on this before we spend our limited funds on a more detailed analysis.</p>		
Jenni Jensen	City of Stanton		8/13/2009	<p>Our City (City of Stanton) received an email concerning the EECBG Program for Small Cities. However, we have already applied for the federal EECBG funds. Stanton is also not on the eligible small cities list for this program funding. Does our City still need to send back the "Intent to Apply" form with the "Not Participate" box checked?</p> <p>If we do need to send back the "Intent to Apply" form with the "Not Participate" box checked, we would like to verify that this will not disrupt our federal EECBG funding.</p>		

Steve Rogers	City of Yountville		8/13/2009	<p>e are aware that small agencies are eligible for a block grant for energy efficiency projects and that we should have received a letter to return indicating our interest in the program. To date, we have not received such a letter. The Town of Yountville is very interested in participating in the program and has several potential projects that it is evaluating. We would kindly request the intent to apply for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) form.</p>		
Alicia Heideman	City of Lomita		8/13/2009	<p>It has come to our attention that CEC has sent out "Intent to Apply" forms to the small cities which are eligible for the EECBG program. The City of Lomita is eligible however we have not received this form. Can you please email me a .pdf version so we may get it back to you before the August 21st deadline.</p>	Y	C
Irma Hernandez	City of Duarte		8/13/2009	<p>This email is in regards to the upcoming EECBG Grant application and the requirement for a "Single Audit Report, Exemption letter, or No review necessary". I am forwarding an email below from the CA State Controller's Office that indicates that the CA Energy Commission receives an up to date report that includes the statuses of all entities. The email from the Controller states that the Controller does not issue a letter or review a SAR for our City since we have filed "Exempt" for FY 07/08. Please see below for more detailed information. Please advise us on this matter. We'd like to make sure we have proper documentation for the upcoming EECBG grant application.</p>	y	Q
Mary Neilan	City of St. Helena		8/13/09	<p>I am new in my position with the City of St. Helena and I wonder if I could get a copy of the letter sent to us earlier this month regarding the EECBD program. Thank you!</p>	Y	Q

Kelsey DeForge	City of Beumont	[REDACTED]	8/13/2009	<p>Today we received an email from the League of California Cities stating that all small cities/counties eligible to receive EECBG funding must submit their letter of intent by August 21st. We have completed this letter and it is in the mail. However, I was wondering why this information was never alluded to on the website or in any of the ListServ news blasts that have been going out? Is this the “solicitation” document that we should be looking for or is that still forthcoming? A little more clarity is needed, please respond.</p>		
Don Pauley	City of Kingsburg	[REDACTED]	8/13/2009	<p>The Mayor of the City of Kingsburg, Bruce Blayney, has not received the letter you sent on or about August 3rd regarding the City’s eligibility for eecbg funding, the amount of the funding we are eligible for, and requesting that the City complete the Intent to Apply form. The City has event intent to apply for these funds and would like to advise you of such by the stipulated deadline. Please send a pdf copy via email to the undersigned so that we may do so.</p>		

Elisa Peters	Ennovationz		8/13/2009	<p>Thank you for your excellent work on the EECBG program. We appreciate the opportunity for California's small jurisdictions to implement much-needed energy efficiency measures. In particular, we are interested in seeing local governments enabled to implement residential energy efficiency programs, which have tremendous cost effectiveness potential. As an example, our residential energy audit and upgrade program achieves 20 - 55 MBtu of savings per \$1000 program spend. This exceeds the cost effectiveness standards set by your guidelines by two to five times. These savings are achieved with low-cost upgrades and technologies we implement during a two-hour visit to the home. Further savings from home improvements and appliance upgrades are likely, but not even included in these numbers. We urge you to specifically add residential energy efficiency to the list of eligible projects, and detail an example of a feasibility study for a residential energy efficiency program, in your final proposed guidelines. In case you haven't found it yet, we noted an error in the conversion of kWh to Btu in the table on page 6 of the July 31 Staff Draft Block Grant Guidelines (Formula-Based Grants) for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program. The table lists engineering assumptions, with a conversion for electricity of 10,239 Btu's per kWh. The number should be 3,413 Btu's per kWh. This would translate to approximately \$0.34 award dollars spent for 1 kWh/year of energy savings.</p>		
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				Hope all is well. Thanks again for clarifying that NCPA will be able to submit a Joint Application on behalf of four of our members. We are definitely going down that path for the Cities of Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, and Ukiah. To that end, I wanted to let you know we have not been able to track down the August 3rd letter you sent to Healdsburg, as part of the package of letters you sent requesting an intent to apply for EECBG funding by August 21. Biggs, Gridley, and Ukiah have already signed such a letter and have sent it back as directed in the letter. Would it be possible to resend that letter both in hard copy and via e-mail to Tim Conn at Healdsburg [REDACTED] and myself? We want o make sure they do not miss the August 21st deadline. Healdsburg's address is 401 Grove Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448.		
			8/13/2009			
Overvold, Lee	Lee Overvold, CEM			Dear very busy CEC individual, Could you please send me a copy of feasibility study that will be representative of the detail that will be required in the EECBG application? Thanks, Lee		
			8/13/2009			

John Brewer	City of Corning		8/14/2009	<p>The City of Corning inherited the downtown theater (Rodgers Theater) from its longtime private owner (Rodgers family) several years ago. The City operated the cinema in lieu of losing the important (and historic) community amenity through an agreement with a private contractor who ran the projector and sold popcorn, etc. About two (or perhaps three) years ago, after receiving a number of safety and sanitation complaints, the City closed the theater until structural, HVAC and plumbing repairs could be completed. The City hired an architect to determine the costs to repair and restore the theater. He projected costs at nearly \$900,000.00; determined to be too costly for the local government to assume on its own. The City encouraged community volunteers to support any refurbishment effort. Since that time, a local volunteer contractor estimated “bare bones” repairs (i.e. the minimum cost to reopen the facility) would cost about \$270,000.00. A group of interested citizens formed a non-profit (Corning Community Foundation) and has collected nearly \$50,000 in donations to restore the theater-perhaps as a “multi-use” facility. Most recently, on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, the City Council committed it’s 2002 Park Bond Funds (\$200,000.00) to the theater restoration effort. One component of repair and/or restoration is replacement of an antiquated roof-mounted evaporative cooler and a basement furnace. We’d like to determine if the “Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program” can be utilized to replace that equipment with a single roof-mounted HVAC unit. Our contractor previously estimated the cost to replace the HVAC would be about</p>		
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				<p>I have a couple of questions about the proposed guidelines for the State's EECBG program for small jurisdictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can a single application include several projects or mix a project and direct equipment purchases?- What are the guidelines for projects that serve residents, such as home energy use audits? Are these types of programs eligible to receive funding?- Can you please send me an example of a feasibility study that meets CEC standards?- Is the list of eligible equipment purchases from the July 31, 2009 draft guidelines going to be expanded or updated?		
Crystal Morrow	Administrative Analyst II		8/14/2009		Y	Q
Mr. C. A. Alba, PE, PLS	City of Saratoga City Manager's Office		8/14/2009	<p>I have looked for the Intent to Apply Form for the EECBG grant and cannot find it. Can you please provide a link to the form and let me know how and where the form is to be submitted,</p>	Y	
Lucille Holt	City of Taft		8/14/2009	<p>Hello, I would like to confirm receipt of the City of Taft's letter of intent.</p>	Y	

				<p>The City of Santa Clarita submitted our own EECBG application to the Department of Energy. However, we received comments and are in the process of revising the application. I understand that you are interested in obtaining a copy of the application. Please advise 1) who I should send the copy to and 2) if you will accept email/electronic submittal and 3) if any forms are necessary.</p> <p>I will be out of the office next week. We anticipate submitted the revised application in September.</p>		
Heather Merenda	city of santa Clarita		8/14/2009			
Chris Jeffers	City Manager, City of Glendora		8/17/2009	Is the City of Glendora qualified to apply under this program of small cities?		
				<p>I am the Assistant Special Projects Manager for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and have been working closely with our member jurisdictions toward preparing their applications for the EECBG stimulus funding opportunity. It has just come to my attention from one of our member jurisdictions that a letter has been sent to the small cities and counties asking them to return an “intent to apply” form by this Friday August 21st. However, only a handful of the jurisdictions AMBAG is assisting with this grant opportunity have reported receiving this letter. Can you please let me know whom this letter is being mailed to at the cities/counties and when it was sent out so that we can attempt to track it down and ensure it is submitted by the deadline? Alternatively, could you send me electronic copies of the form for the jurisdictions listed below so that I can follow up with them and make sure they get it in on time?</p> <p>It is very concerning that there is no information available about this fast-approaching deadline (accompanied by potential to unknowingly forfeit the funding opportunity) on the CEC website, in any of the EECBG guideline drafts or workshops provided, nor sent out over the listserve. Could you please provide a brief explanation of how and when this requirement in the application process came about?</p> <p>If it is possible to simply let the Commission know by electronic letter, the following AMBAG member jurisdictions do intend to apply for the funding opportunity: City of Capitola City of CarmelCity of Del Rey Oaks, City of Gonzales City of Greenfield, City of Hollister, City of King City, City of Marina City of Monterey, City of Pacific Grove, City of San Juan</p>		
Emily Schell	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments		8/17/2009			

Joel Swift	County of Placer	<div></div>	8/17/2009	Greetings, In reading through the information on the website, I noticed that the CEC offered to provide a sample feasibility study. Any information you can provide to me would help our jurisdiction in developing our plan for a grant application. Thank you,		
Elizabeth Cumming	Assistant Project Manager		8/17/2009	I have looked for the application for the EECEBG Program and still have not found it. Am I missing it or is it not yet available. Please advise. Thank you.	y	
Rhonda R. Cruz	City of Imperial Beach		8/17/2009	Can you send me the intent to apply form for cities applying for EECEBG funding. Thank you	Y	
Michael James	Shafter		8/17/2009	The City of Shafter wishes to file a “Intent to Apply” for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECEBG) funds from the Federal Government through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act but we may not have received a letter from the CEC stating that the city is eligible for funding along with the required form that needs to be completed by the City. Who can we talk to receive the City's EECEBG package?	y	Q
Guadalupe Rivera	Sutter County Public Works		8/17/2009	Good Morning, I would like to request the Energy Commission’s assistance in evaluating potential projects for our small county and providing energy assessments for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. If this is not the correct e mail address to request the Commission’s assistance, please let me know where to direct my e-mail.Thank you in advance for your time and help.		

Otis Ginoza	City of Lawndale		8/17/2009	We found this announcement in the League of Cities newsletter about the due date for a preapplication for small cities Energy Block Grant. We have been unable to locate our preapplication and could not find one on your website. I would be grateful if you would send me the preapplication described in the email below.	Q	Y
Emily Schell	ambag.org		8/17/2009	My main concern is making sure none of our jurisdictions inadvertently risk forfeiting their funding because they are not receiving this letter in a timely manner (because we are not sure whom they are being addressed to or where they're ending up, and there is no copy available online). Can you provide me with a generic copy of the form that jurisdictions can send in, or let me know whom the letter was sent to in each of our jurisdictions? I have several jurisdictions whose staff has asked me how they can get this letter because they haven't received one.	CQ	Y

				<p>Further, we are just now seeing letter sent from John Sugar (sample attached) that does not provide any clear box to check that implys/support the regional approach. Case in point, in Ventura County, we propose to work the four small cities and the county together in a single "regional" effort, yet this is not noted on the letter and it would require each agency to separately respond. Jurisdictions may either just respond that they will apply, or they may note on their reply that they are part of a partnership.... if they note who the partnership lead organization is, that makes it easier for us. Please advise/clarify the opportunities to advance solar projects with stimulus funds. Based on the various webinars and separate application processes for all stimulus funded programs, we are having some difficulty tracking what is possible. Here are my assumptions, understandings and questions.</p> <p>1. Under the DOE directly funded formula cities/counties, it appears that solar projects (ie rooftop solar panel installation on a public facility) and/or power purchase agreement style projects were submitted and were acceptable. The direct DOE funding is controlled by the federal legislation that established the program. It allows funds to be spent in a number of areas, including for solar projects.</p> <p>2. Under the DoE funds that come to the state CEC, the projects intended to be funded for small cities/counties are only energy efficiency; solar projects will not be accepted. Funds that the Energy Commission is administering are controlled by both the federal language, and state law (AB2176, 2008). That law requires that funds be spent for energy efficiency grants.</p>		
Cheryl Collart	Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance		8/17/2009	The City of Morro Bay was notified by PG&E that it should receive an award eligibility letter earlier this month. So far, no one has gotten this. The grant deadline is this Friday; who do I talk to about this?		
Susan Slayton	Morro bay		8/17/2009	The Town of Tiburon did not receive a letter from the CEC regarding intent to use EECBG funds allocated. We would like to be able to use these funds if available. Can you please email me a pdf of the letter that may have been sent to our Mayor, so that we may respond before the Friday		
Laurie Tyle	City of Tiburon		8/18/2009			

Loree Byzick	City of Shasta Lake		81/1/09	This question is regarding an equipment purchase under EECBG: f a jurisdiction chooses to install new lift station pumps and/or drives and has already identified the equipment needed to mesh with the current system, must the purchase be put out		
Steve Ando	City of Scotts Valley		8/19/2009	Does the attached pdf file satisfy the August 21 deadline or do I need to overnight the original? I can send the original through normal mail as well as the attached.		
Ditas Esperanza,	City of Paso Robles		8/19/2009	Where did you send the form that we need to fill-out and complete by this Friday? We cannot find it anywhere in the office. Please email to me so I can complete it and return it ASAP. The City of Paso Robles (El Paso de Robles) intends to submit an application. THANKS!		
			8/19/2009	I just received this response from the State Controller's Office to my inquiry for an exemption letter, which was a listed requirement per the LOI request letter sent by your office on August 3rd. Please advise, thank you!		
			8/19/2009	Would we be able to send our certification signed as a pdf to this email address or do you need the original?		
Michael James	City of Shafter Public Works Director		8/17/2009	The City of Shafter wishes to file a "Intent to Apply" for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the Federal Government through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act but we may not have received a letter from the CEC stating that the city is eligible for funding along with the required form that needs to be completed by the City. Who can we talk to receive the City's EECBG package?		

Heather Phillips			8/17/2009	As a planner for streamline planning consultants, which works closely with jurisdictions for planning purposes. I am hoping that funding will become available for planning documents. As important as real projects with results are, I, along with many colleagues see that the ability to develop long term actions plans with target goals will provide the continuous development in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and resource consumption. Through funding sources, climate action plans, for cities that do not have the available funding, can be developed and implemented. I hope that you will take into account the ability to have long term planning and goals as well as the short term developments and projects currently being funded through Stimulus funding.	Y	C
Kelsey DeForge			8/18/2009	The City of Beaumont has recently entered into escrow with the Beaumont Unified School District for the purchase of one of their old elementary school buildings. This facility is going to now operate as our new police department. The question is whether or not we can use apply for grant funds to use on a building we do not yet legally own...Escrow is expected to close in December of this year. Thank you!	Y	Q
Megan Miltimore	Mendocino		8/19/2009	The County of Mendocino intends to apply for the EECBG Program and we are aware that the deadline to submit our intent is Friday, August 21. Is it possible for us to fax the form (or e-mail) and then send the hardcopy via US Mail, to make sure it arrives before the deadline?	Y	Q
Troy Fujimoto	Pleasan Hill		8/19/2009	I do not believe that our City (City of Pleasant Hill) was ever provided the form for statement of intent to apply. Do you know how we could get one so that we can submit by the Aug. 21 due date?		

Alicia Heideman	Lomita		8/19/2009	I had a question regarding the timeframe of applying for the small cities funds. Hopefully I am contacting the right person. The City of Lomita is torn between preparing the grant information in-house (without a dedicated staff person) or hiring a consultant to take over. If wehire a consultant there is a lot of prep work that we must do before hand. Do you know approximately when we will be able to begin applyingand how long the time frame will be?	Y	Q
Dennis Dickman	Volcano services?		8/19/2009	My question relates to the ability under the EECBG Program of a small city being able to designate another small city or small county as the recipient of its grant funds. For example, City A cannot use its entire \$25,000 grant. City A would like to designate small City B (or the small County which the City is located) to receive all or part of its grant funds. Another example, City A cannot use its entire \$25,000 grant. City A would like to designate the local School District to receive the grant funds. Are these options available under the proposed Guidelines?	Y	Q
Avra Goldman	BAAQMD		8/19/2009	Can you tell me when the online cost-effectiveness calculator will be available?	y	Q

				<p>The Town is through the majority of the design process for a new 30,000 square foot library. The library is being designed for LEED Gold and the Town would like to apply for EECBG funds to cover the costs for some of the energy efficient elements. The project is scheduled to break ground in the spring of 2010. I had posed this question at one of the webinars and the answer was "yes" we could, but that we should also circle back to re-ask the question for more substantial input and direction.</p> <p>I am currently working with our LEED architectural team to complete the feasibility study. I thought I had heard that monies would be available to help off-set the costs of drafting this document. Is that true and if so, how do we apply? Sorry to ask this, but I have had challenges registering with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), do you have any suggestions? I wasn't quite clear on how a governmental agency would register as it asks for statistical information pertaining to our annual receipts and Electronic Funds Transfer information. It might just be me and any direction would be helpful!</p>		
Jessica von Borck	Los gatos		19/2009			
Lee Panza	City of Marina					
			19/2009	<p>As of yesterday, the Guidelines for the Formula-Based grants for SMALLcities and counties are still in the "Committee Draft" stage, and they state that Commission "...will issue a solicitation document to initiate the application process." Are we correct in understanding that this solicitation will be sent to eligible SMALL cities and counties after the Guidelines are formally adopted, or has the solicitation already been sent? We would appreciate your clarification; if the "Letter of Intent" is required at this time from SMALL cities and counties, could you please email me a copy or a link to where I can download it?</p>		
		19/2009	<p>We understand there is an energy audit that we can have done that helps us identify projects we can use the EECBG funds for. Can you direct me to the proper contact person?</p>			
Roger Carroll	Loomis		19/2009			

				<p>As a City Planner with additional background in construction practices and sustainability I feel that I have a need to voice an opinion of mine regarding the EECBG.</p> <p>After briefly reading through the requirements for the EECBG I was disappointed that money could not be allocated to prepare plans that will reduce both resource consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in a select community as a whole. I feel that this is just as important as short term efficiency gains which this grant seeks to achieve. From my experiences working with jurisdictions to draft climate action plans there are so many positive synergies associated with a successful plan. These positive outcomes include, but are not limited to, energy efficiency measures, water use reduction, reduction in vehicle miles traveled due to habitual and land use changes and public awareness of climate change and the impacts associated with it.</p> <p>The California Air Pollution Control Office Association has recognized the importance of addressing this issue and recently release a report outlining how and why local governments need to incorporate general plan policies to reduce resource consumption and emissions of greenhouse gasses. Cities can adopt ordinances and plans to reduce their resource consumption but they will typically not be as effective if the ideas are not seamlessly integrated into their general plans.</p> <p>I think that many local governments would greatly benefit with the option of acquiring funds to produce a plan with quantifiable long term goals that will not only reduce recourse</p>		
Jacob Freitas	MAZZETTI NASH LIPSEY BURCH		8/19/2009	<p>I have a number of projects that fit the examples shown in the guidelines, but based on the information I have almost none of them would meet the cost effectiveness criteria. Perhaps I am calculating it wrong, or have been given bad information about potential energy savings or project costs. Who can I work with to review my work in order to generate viable projects?</p>	Y	C
Hall, Rich	General Services Department		8/20/2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Q

				Would we be able to send our certification signed as a pdf to this email address or do you need the original? Thank you, Mary Ellen		
Mary Ellen	City of Solvang		8/17/2009			
Bonnie Blue	City of Malibu		8/20/2009	Can water conservation and/or water use efficiency projects be eligible for funding if energy efficiency or savings associated with reduced water use are demonstrated? If so, how should this be demonstrated?		
Chuck Deschenes	City Administrator Waterford		8/20/2009	Apparently your email is down so we have mailed our intent to participate in the Energy Efficient Stimulus process via the US Post Office. If this goes through we will scan in a copy of our consent/intent to participate and email it also.		
rosie kang	Willdan Energy Solution		8/24/2009	If a small city submits a proposal and it gets approved and an agreement is drafted. The city is resposible for funding the project then turning around and submitting invoices to the CEC for reimbursement. Therefore a city would have to have funds available to move the project along at any stage of the process. The CEC will not be issusing funds for project start-up. Is this correct? <input type="checkbox"/>	Y	Q
Juanita Veliz	City of Huron		8/24/2009	Did you receive the City of Huron's letter? it was mailed out last week.		

				<p>I wanted to confirm the numbers we have used for the formula based allocation for the EECBG grants. They are as follows: Population-based Formula: Base Population calculation= 672,388 (San Joaquin County population)*\$5.00 = \$3,361,940</p> <p>Unemployment adder = \$3,361,940 (base population) * 10.6% (unemployment rate) = \$356,365.64</p> <p>Total Funding Award = \$3,718,305.64 On August 3, 2009 the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors received a letter indicating that the County was eligible to receive up to \$836,781 under the EECBG program. We have completed and submitted the application for our intent to apply for the grant; Please confirm that our calculation was correct for \$3,718,305.64 based on the formula provided in the block grant guidelines.</p>		
Sauseda, Pamela	San Joaquin County		8/24/2009		y	Q
Erin Costa	Eco Logic		8/24/2009	Is there a deadline of when the cities/counties must have their notice of intent signed and returned?		

H.J.F.MOREL"	resortsystem		8/24/2009	<p>OWN ELECTRICITY: scientific communication.</p> <p>Electricity from fossil and nuclear power is likely soon to end ...!!</p> <p>New technique for producing clean electricity without using fossil fuels or nuclear weapons, while 10 to 20 times cheaper to produce, and low cost of investment? This is what you can with the new production that introduced the designer (engineer).</p> <p>System can easily be built, given its simplicity and low cost of manufacture, with very limited resources and individually. For such a construction device does not require resort to special equipment or complicated. The components are in commerce.</p> <p>Its designer, to prevent risk-taking monopoly refuses to file patent, to allow both the private individual, the professional, or all agencies, manufacture, install and operate this type of micro - plants throughout the world.</p> <p>The device is a micro-power autonomous, fully in ecological design, manufacture and in its operation and exploitation. By adding several units side by side, it is also possible to achieve large power depending on what the local demand requires.</p> <p>The generalization of this technique can put an end to means of production of electricity by oil, coal, nuclear, and others and major electricity transmission networks. For the price of an EPR nuclear power plant, in France it would be enough to build about 450 000 units, scattered in cities according to supply electricity to cover the domestic electriciv needs of the</p>	Y	C
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				<p>Does the CEC require some additional assurance, over and above the federal level, with respect to grant applications and auditing requirements? The August 20, 2009 newsletter indicated that public entities applying for federal funds must comply with the "Single Audit Act and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133." However, part of the application for the EECBG -- already submitted -- included an attachment entitled "Financial Management Assessment." The last line of the form requested certification that: "I understand the audit requirements and will comply with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133."</p> <p>The CEC newsletter I referenced reads: "Before submitting your application for funding award to the California Energy Commission please be sure you are in compliance with the Single Audit Act and cleared with the State Controller's Office." This implies the certification already sent to the Department of Energy through FedConnect is insufficient.</p> <p>Before I request the Finance Department to complete additional reports for the state, please let me know whether I understand the situation correctly. If not, I would appreciate your correction. Thank you.</p>		
Diana McKeen	Apple valley		6/24/2009			
Erin Costa	Eco logic		6/24/2009	I have one other question; could a water district or unincorporated city solicit funding from the county they reside in? That county would submit the application with the project(s) for approval.		
			8/24/2009	If a jurisdiction is using its grant allocation for an HVAC project which creates a combination of gas (Therm) and electric (kWh) savings, how should the cost-effectiveness ratio be calculated?		

Dana Waite	Solvang		8/24/2009	<p>I have a couple of compliance questions regarding the single audit requirements for this grant process. First of all, I am not sure.....</p> <p>1) should we be reporting single audit requirements for 08/09 which we don't have yet or for 07/08?</p> <p>2) Our 07/08 liability was none and we communicated this to the Controller's office so you just want a copy of the letter indicating such?</p> <p>3) Does the single audit reporting package only apply to those had a liability for single audits or everyone?</p> <p>4) If everyone, do I understand the package to consist of:</p> <p>a. The letter to the SCO saying we were exempt</p> <p>b. The CAFR</p> <p>c. The Management Letter</p>		
Andra Lorenz	Foster City		8/24/2009	<p>Hi Chris -</p> <p>I appreciate your attention and follow-up. I promise not to freak out just yet and will give you an opportunity to track down the problem. It is consoling to know that the \$150,000 range still seems like the right number and the formula hasn't changed and/or Foster City hasn't done anything that would cause it to be disqualified.</p> <p>I am also glad for your sake that this doesn't seem to be a system-wide glitch. That would be a lot of letters to fix.</p> <p>I will wait to hear back or give you a call if any other questions or concerns arise. Thank you for providing your number as an alternative.</p>		

Nicole Almaguer	Ciyt of Albany		8/24/2009	I did not receive a response re. the acceptability of the email from the Controllers office coupled with our letter submitted to the Controller's office that they refer to within the email. We assume that would suffice per the controller's email. Thanks.		
Scott Tomashefsky	NCPA		8/24/2007	Everything was tracked down on this end. I did have one follow-up question. I noticed that the letter sent by Ukiah did not include a checked box for complying with the single audit report. If that was done, I am sure it was an oversight on their part. Please let me know if this is something I should follow up with their utility director.	Y	Q
Emily Schell	ambag.org		8/27/2009	<p>For the direct equipment purchase option, will jurisdictions be required to provide feasibility studies proving the cost-effectiveness of the measure, or are the items on this list automatically deemed eligible in all cases?</p> <p>The preliminary guidelines for the State Energy Program states that jurisdictions are encouraged to devote their EECSBG funding to leverage funds received through SEP grants. Will the cost-effectiveness requirements for the EECSBG funds be waived in the event that jurisdictions chose to use their allocation in this way? For example, if a jurisdiction plans to apply for an SEP grant for a municipal financing district program, would they apply for their EECSBG allocation for this purpose even though it does not meet the cost-effectiveness requirements for EECSBG funding?</p> <p>Thanks!</p>		

				At Friday's workshop there was a discussion of whether or not home energy audits will be approved. I believe our program, which includes a specific type of home audit -- will be fine: we have hard data on actual savings in the "high energy" homes we are targeting. But since we're working with 5 different towns I'd like to discuss this with someone to make sure. Can I get 15 minutes with someone on the phone? Thanks. -Steve		
Steve Schmidt	Los Altos Hills		9/1/2009		Y	Q
Steve Schmidt	Los Altos Hills		9/2/2009	In the worst-case scenario -- when the funding is approved, the money is spent, and the program does not acheive the minimum cost effectivenessrequired by the CEC -- could the town be held liable and asked to repay the funds, even though the funds were paid by the CEC to an authorized third party?	Y	q
Emily Schell			9/3/2009	For the required feasibility study is there any criteria regarding the age of the report? Specifically, would a 2006 engineering audit be acceptable assuming no equipment has been updated since then?	Y	Q
ambag.org						

			<p>One of the towns considering a collaborative project (lead by Acterra, a local non-profit) has asked this question and would like a written response from you:</p> <p>"If the Town of Los Altos Hills designates Acterra as the recipient of all of our allocated EECBG funds for a specified project, is Acterra then solely responsible for providing detailed documentation of all project expenses and complying with all applicable federal and state tracking and reporting requirements?"</p> <p>I believe John Butler confirmed this for me yesterday during a phone call, but we'd like an email confirmation.</p> <p>Thanks very much.</p>
Steve Schmidt	Los Altos Hills		<p>9/3/2009</p> <p>Greetings,</p> <p>I work for Honeywell in the Building Automation Division and at recent tradeshow we have received several requests for help from local CA government officials on applying for EECBG Grants and determining energy efficiency savings for their projects. I was wondering if there was someone I could have a quick call with about how the process works so we can pass that information along to the people who had the requests.</p> <p>Thanks in advance for your help.</p>
Jason Flores, MBA	Honeywell		<p>Jason</p> <p>9/3/2009</p>

Jonathan Strunin
ICLEI - Local Governments
for Sustainability U.S.A.,
Inc.

I represent ICLEI USA, a membership association of local governments. We are preparing to provide outreach to small local governments to help link them to their EECBG funding, and would like to obtain a copy of some sample feasibility studies to help advise local governments as they develop their own studies. Do you have some samples you could provide to me? With CEC's permission, we would also potentially like to post sample feasibility studies on our website to assist our member local governments. Is this a possibility?

9/8/2009

Under the direct equipment purchase option, the Guidelines suggest that jurisdictions can take advantage of a state purchasing program to receive a bulk discount on selected equipment. Is there some way to view the available products and prices for this equipment in order to project how much equipment a jurisdiction's funding allocation will allow them to purchase?

Emily Schell
ambag.org

9/9/2009

Would it be possible to get a sample of a feasibility study that will be required for the city/county formula based grants? We provide energy audits and studies and would like to see a sample to see if this is something we can do.

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Dawn Turner
www.abraxasenergy.com

9/8/2009

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		<div></div>	After reviewing the draft EECGB guidelines and the FAQs, it is unclear to me the exact eligibility requirements to receive this funding. Our organization is working with the City of Goleta, which is eligible for \$159,422. Can this funding be used on facilities that are not technically owned by the City of Goleta, rather owned by the Goleta Union School District or the Goleta Water District? My understanding is that as long as the City of Goleta is listed as a collaborating applicant, the Goleta Union School District, for example, could be listed as the lead collaborator and receive the funding on behalf of the applicant and use that money for EE upgrades in school facilities.		
Lindsey Taggart	www.cecsb.org		9/10/2009	Y	Q
Cheng, Caroline	City of Brisbane		9/15/2009	Y	Q
Lindsey Taggar	County of Santa Barbara		9/15/2009		Q
Greg Lewis	EnergyInnovationGroup		9/15/2009	A	Q

			Regarding the reporting requirements included in the ARRA, Section 1512, and OMB M-09-21, will small cities & counties have any responsibilities to report? As subrecipients? What about contractors used? Will we be responsible to report them as vendors?		
Rich Hall	General Services Depart		9/15/2009	A	Q
Shannon Andrews	City of Calimesa		9/16/2009	A	Q
Overvold, Lee	NORESCO		9/21/2009	A	Q
Steve Schmidt	ejobshop.com		9/21/2009		
Lowe, Pam H	City of Menlo Park		9/21/2009		
Hall, Rich	Butte county		9/21/2009	Y	Q

			<p>HI,</p> <p>I am currently City Manager in the City of Maricopa, and Interim City Administrator for the City of McFarland. This request for an Energy Audit applies to both cities. Please allow this e-mail to act as an official request for the California Energy Commission to arrange and authorize an Energy Audit to assure compliance with our application for an energy grant.</p> <p>Our resolution will be before the next City Council Meeting for consideration and adoption.</p> <p>If any further information is necessary, please let me know. I anticipate participation in the conference call this coming Thursday. Thank you for your help.</p>	
Bob Wilburn	Wilburn, City Manager.		9/22/2009	Robert E. Wilburn, City Manager. Y
Laurie Barton	Stanislaus County		9/23/2009	<p>Hello, do you have an example Feasibility Study for the EECBG Program. I am particularly interested in conversion of incandescent street lights to LEDs, Variable Frequency Drives for pumps and motors and SCADA systems.</p> <p>We have downloaded from your web site the revised guidelines. We know the guidelines were adopted September 16 and the revised guidelines are expected to be adopted in October.</p> <p>In both cases they talk about solicitations being sent out. Can you tell us if the solicitations have been sent out yet? Is there a sample somewhere on your site of the application/solicitation document? Can you also tell us when the deadline is or will be for submittal of the applications? Can you please provide a phone number that we may call in the event we have a question on the application. Thank you. Please call if you have any questions. Your kind assistance is greatly appreciated.</p>
Mr. C. A. Alba, PE, F	City of Artesia		9/23/2009	Q

		Regarding the Direct Equipment Purchase Option as it pertains to the CEC EECBG guidelines: if equipment must be “used in specific locations and applications,” does this influence the ability to acquire equipment for use in implementation of residential or commercial energy efficiency and conservation programs?	
Jack Nixon	Environmental & Sustainable Program	<div></div>	9/23/2009
		found this footnote in the latest version of the guidelines: When calculating the energy savings per dollar spent for a project, the Energy Commission will consider the energy savings for the entire project, including saving attributed to other funding sources such as utility rebates or incentives, project loans or other matching funds. As a result, projects with matching funds may appear to be more cost effective. This indicates the cost effectiveness of the actual standalone measure is not critical -- only how much of it is funded by EECBG funds. If so, then a partially-funded Solar PV system could qualify. I though I heard clearly in several of the early workshops that Solar PVs would not qualify. Can you clarify? -Steve <div></div>	
Steve Schmidt	~jobshop.com	<div></div>	9/25/2009
e		When you measure cost effectiveness of a measure, do you include both public and private dollars? E.g., if a measure saves 10 MBTUs and cost only \$500 of EECBG funds but another \$1000 of private funds were used, I assume that would not qualify, correct?	
Steve Schmidt	ejobshop.com	<div></div>	9/25/2009

		<div></div>	The problem as I see it is that this is not a lot of money (and we are talking about one of the larger small counties, it would be even worse for a small city). At best it would only fund a partial project and only the low hanging fruit. What if the project used a CEC loan in conjunction with the EECBG grant money? I would rather see the EECBG funds help pay for some of the higher payback items. Assuming the BTU or KWh reductions per \$ spent are meet overall - could CEC approve such a project?		
Tucker, Mark	AECOM Energy		9/25/2009	AMBAG has at least one jurisdiction which is interested in purchasing Energy Star appliances to replace some elderly equipment (possibilities include washing machine, refrigerators, fire hose dryer, television and water heater). Is this something that could be added to the direct equipment purchase list? Also, there is one jurisdiction which is extremely small and owns only one small City Hall building and literally nothing else in terms of lighting or facilities. They are interested in using their \$25,000 allocation to upgrade an older gas guzzling vehicle and/or tractor with something more fuel efficient. Is this something that could be added to the direct equipment purchase list?	
Emily Schell	Ambag		9/25/2009	A statement of Intent to Apply for the City of Laguna Hills was faxed to the Commission on August 10, 2009. I would like to verify that the City of Laguna Hills is on the list of cities eligible to make application once the block grant guidelines are approved. I couldn't find such a list on your web site.	
Donald White	Laguna Hills		9/25/2009	<div></div> The City of Morro Bay submitted a letter of intent to participate in/apply for EECBG for small cities, on August 18, 2009. Will it be necessary to submit a new letter intent following the adoption of the Revised Block Grant Guidelines on October 6, 2009, by the Calif. Energy Commission?	
Michael Wilcox	Morro bay		9/28/2009	Y	Q

Bryce Atkins	City of Mendota		9/28/2009	We, the City of Mendota, are requesting the free energy audit. We had requested one last week from PG&E, but have not received even a call back from them. Please also know that we are interested in receiving technical assistance to facilitate our EECBG grant application.
Rhonda R. Cr	Coronado		9/28/2009	What is the deadline date for submittals for small Cities? Chris, thanks for talking with me today about the Block Grants. a couple of questions, 1 __ can you confirm we submitted our Statement of Interest? 2__ do you have the info to confirm an application for seed money for AB811 would be less desirable than one to retrofit lighting 3__ what do I need to do to request CEC assistance to conduct Feasibility Study and/or Energy Audit for our city. thanks
Nancy Kerry	City of South Lake Tahoe		9/30/2009	

I'm hoping to find out whether the City of Rancho Mirage, CA will need to submit a Federal Stimulus Funding Report by the October 10, 2009 3rd Quarter Deadline. The City of Rancho Mirage has not yet received any federal stimulus funding but has been allocated \$95,335 through the "Small Cities" formula-based EECBG program. According to the EECBG guidelines (which, as I understand, will be considered for adoption next week), the terms and conditions of this reporting will be dictated by the funding award agreement. This has not been submitted because the guidelines are still being finalized.

The FederalReporting.gov website states that all cities that have received "awards" must register and report. Is the \$95,335 allocation considered an award, subjecting the City to federal reporting requirements? Or does it become an award after the application is submitted and approved and after the funding award agreement has been finalized?

Thank you,

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Jeff Benson

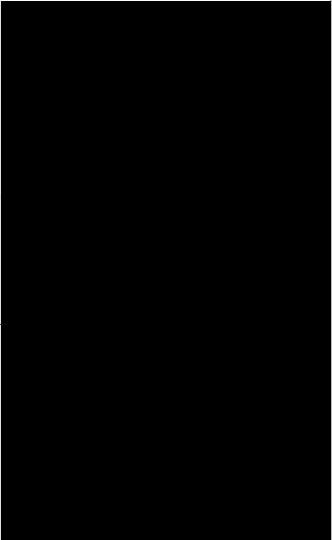
City of Rancho Mirage

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Jeff Benson	City of Rancho Mirage		10/1/2009	N	Q
			<p>There is not a field on this particular parcel. The proposed project is adjacent to an existing park with a baseball field and the Little League needs another field. Is there no provisions for "new" projects? If we incorporated the replacement of the existing field lights into the proposal would that make the project eligible? The City would love to make the entire park energy efficient, but the priority is the new Little League field. any guidance is very appreciated!! Thank you in advance.</p>		
Katie Chamberlain	City of Grand Terrace		10/1/2009	N	Q
			<p>Good Morning, This is to request additional information regarding EECBG funding and the application process for small cities. Any information would be greatly appreciated.</p>		
Consuelo Hernandez	City of Bell Gardens		10/5/2009	Y	Q

		<div></div>	ECBG question: If our City chooses a direct equipment purchase of variable frequency drives for lift station pumps, is a feasibility study with costs and energy savings estimates still required?			
Loree Byzick	City of Shasta Lake		10/7/2009		Q	
			I was in recent email contact with John Sugar, Manager of Special Projects Office, Fuels and Transportation Div of the California Energy Commission. He suggested I email this address for further information on the EECBG program. Albeo Technologies, Inc. is a Colorado company that manufactures high efficiency, long-lasting LED lighting products for commercial and industrial facilities that improve energy savings, reduce maintenance costs, and are safe and easy to install. Albeo wants to be a vendor for local agency participants in the EECBG Program. I am looking for a list of local government agencies in the state of California that have received or will be receiving EECBG money for energy efficiency projects. Please let me know if this type of information is available.			
David Stewart	Albeo Technologies Inc		10/1/2009	Y	Q	
Loree Byzick	City of Shasta Lake		10/6/2009	Q	y	
			I was given some vague information (concept) that a "consultant", for lack of a more defined term, would be available to assist local agencies with selection and development of project(s) that would be eligible for this funding (both formula-based and competitive grants?, or only one?). Might you be able to dispel this, or if it exists, elaborate whence I could find more info? Thanks! I've scoured the eecbg website and cannot find any reference to this concept.			
Steven Hollenbeak,	San Andreas	10/12/2009	n	Q		

Dave Brownlee	City of Needles	<div></div>	<p>The City of Needles has an AB 2021 Energy Efficiency Program whereby the City requires that low-income and/or seniors (who rent or own mobile or single family residences) who request appliance (air conditioner, swamp cooler, or refrigerator) switch-out get on the County’s HEAP weatherization list for evaluation initially and complete weatherization when a team from County comes to Needles. The City purchases 14-SEER or higher air conditioners for the applicants. I want to verify that where Exhibit 2, No 10 speaks to High Efficiency HVAC system replacement that our 14-SEER or higher condition will conform to the guidelines of the grant.</p> <p>If awarded the grant, those grant dollars would leverage the City’s AB 2021 budgeted dollars</p>	n	Q
Emily Schell		<div></div>	<p>Is the requirement for a council resolution necessarily due with the initial application, or is that something that just needs to be provided before entering into a funding award agreement? The initial guidelines made it sound like it just had to be submitted before entering into an agreement, whereas the solicitation document now indicates that it is due with the application. This could prove challenging to many of AMBAG’s jurisdictions given the tight turnaround time between defining eligible projects (which is taking longer than expected given challenges in meeting the cost-effectiveness requirements) and getting the application in, and the time requirements of getting items onto agendas, which cannot be pursued until the projects are definitively selected. Please advise if there is any way to ease this challenge.</p>		Q
Armanino, Dana"	Marin County Community Deve	<div></div>	<p>Can EECGB funds be used to upgrade the lighting in a community center that contains a pool if in a room other than the pool room or on the exterior?</p> <p>Can the funds be used in the room in which the pool is contained if it is exclusively for a lighting efficiency upgrade?</p> <p>□</p>	n	Q

			10/14/2009	<p>In reviewing the application materials, I have a question pertaining to the feasibility report. It appears we will be submitting a direct equipment purchase application (Traffic Signal Light replacement/Facility Exterior Lighting replacement). With that being said, Exhibit 3 in the application calls for the study to include information on HVAC, Domestic Hot Water, Waste/Wastewater. Is this a general template?</p> <p>Are applicants required to provide this information in the study if the proposed project(s) do not involve improvements to these other areas?</p> <p>Can we only include the tables that are applicable to the proposed projects? (Do we need to include</p>
Louis Celaya	<i>City of Agoura Hills</i>			<p>We intend to submit a proposal that includes approved lighting and HVAC upgrades/conversions under the Direct Equipment Purchase category.</p>
Joe Scriven	Mendocino County Water A			<p>The laundry ozone system retrofit that we want to include is not listed in Exhibit 2. Will that component put the proposal in the Energy Efficiency category?</p> <p>1. The application says that cities can apply to use EECBG funds for municipal financing programs. The application specifically indicates that small cities can partner with larger jurisdictions to implement financing programs.</p> <p>Can cities also use EECBG funds to opt in to a turkey financing option, such as CaliforniaFIRST?</p>
Crystal Morrow	City of Saratoga		10/14/2009	

I am trying to learn more about the EECBG Program for small cities and counties, as we work with them to help ensure they meet the CEC's goals and can maximize the use of the stimulus money for conservation projects in their jurisdictions. I spoke with Monica in the CEC Grants and Loans division earlier and she directed me to this email. I plan to attend the upcoming workshops to learn more, but I have a few initial questions. Also, I would be more than happy to come to the CEC to discuss this program with you in person.

I have a few broad questions and some more narrow questions.

1. Do you have any examples of cities who have put together direct equipment purchase or energy efficiency projects that would serve as good models? For smaller allocations (under \$50,000) and allocations between \$50-100,000 or more.
2. Do you have recommendations for ways to find contractors or vendors?
3. Do you have estimates on the amount of time it will take a city to apply?
4. What are some of the biggest challenges cities have faced so far in starting or completing their applications? That way, hopefully we can hopefully prevent the problems from arising.
5. On page 19, under the NEPA requirements, the solicitation states that, "All projects will require an individual NEPA review and determination by DOE, unless DOE provides an exception. At this time DOE has not provided an exception for any project activities under the EECBG Program, but has provided an exception for certain activities under another ARRA-funded program, the State Energy Program." Do you expect DOE to also provide the same exception for the

I have not been successful in locating your EECBG Q&A section on the <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/> web page listed in the EECBG guidelines/application. Have you begun posting the Q&As?
On the direct purchase list, there are items related to replacing T12 fluorescent lamps with T8 fluorescent lamps, and items for using LED lights for signage, but nothing about T8 to LED. Our city intends to use the money to replace all of their T8 fluorescent lamps with LED lighting. Will this project qualify as a direct purchase?

Sharon Campbell

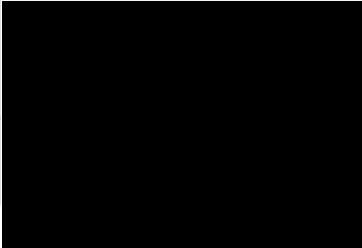
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Thank you for your response. I have read the guidelines and solicitation. I do have three specific questions and would greatly appreciate them being forwarded to the appropriate staff. Additionally, I am happy to meet in person to discuss them. One specific question I have is in regards to the Energy Partnership Program. Is that program still accepting applications from cities and counties. For example, could an Energy Partnership Program audit help a city identify a project for this solicitation? Also, in regards to Exhibit 2: Direct Equipment Purchase List, do you have recommendations for strategies to find competitive vendors of the approved equipment? Lastly, I have reviewed ABX4 11 (2009), and the grant application, and I could use some additional information on the restrictions on administrative costs. Can some of the grant money be used to pay for the application costs? I assume not, but would like to verify. Is the 10% administrative costs allowable only for the cities to complete the reporting, etc. after the grant is approved?

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NOSSAMAN LLP



10/14/2009

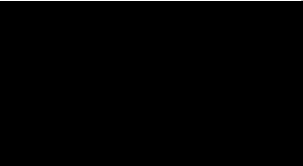
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"1. If small cities/counties want to use EECBG funds towards AB811-type programs do they have to use their full allocation or can they use a percentage for AB811 and a portion for other Municipal projects? I dont think many cities will choose the AB811 route if they have to commit 100% of their funds.

2. Alameda County cities need clarification on the following under the Municipal Financing Programs on page 8 of the guidelines The large jurisdiction, with which the small jurisdiction is partnering, must provide a resolution, signed by its governing body, stating that the two jurisdictions agree that the grant funds will be used to participate in the municipal financing program.

Alameda County and the cities in Alameda County plan to join CSCDA to administer their AB811 district. However, there is confusion in Alameda County with who would be the appropriate entity to pass the resolution. Would it be CSCDA who is creating the financing district for the AB811 program in Alameda County? StopWaste who is the entity that all the cities have designated to receive their EECBG funds to design and implement Green Packages which is the foundation of the AB811 program? Alameda County who has a role in administering the AB811 program on the county-level? "

My name is Danielle Williams and I am a legislative aide for Senator Ashburn. We have a school in Needles, that is going green and we are trying to look for how they could fund it. They are using a power purchase agreement to install the solar system and must have a way to link the surplus energy into the grid with a power line. So they basically need funding for the power line. I have the following questions:
Who can I talk to in order to find grants and funds that the school can qualify for?
Are there any AARA funds that are applicable to this?
Most programs fund solar equipments, is there any funding for actual power lines?



10/19/2009

I'm not sure who to address this question to. In the recently finalized EECBG Grant Solicitation and Application Package, the City allocations are listed in Exhibit 1. The City of Oroville is shown to receive only \$25,000 or the minimum. The formula of \$5.00 per capita population should show Oroville's allocation at a minimum of \$65,000 based on a 2000 census population of 13,004. I assume the county unemployment add on benefit is not included in the Exhibit 1 table.

Can you or someone explain why the City of Oroville's EECBG allotment is listed incorrectly?

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On page 8 of the October 8th Solicitation and Application Package for the EECBG Small City/County Program, you note that if a small city wants use the funds on a MFP, it must have a large jurisdiction provide a resolution stating that the two jurisdictions agree that the grant funds will be used to participate in the municipal financing program.

Neither of the two sample resolutions you provide in the application package (Exhibits 4 & 5), fit this purpose or are easily modified to meet the purpose.

In Alameda County, the county government is the lead jurisdiction for a countywide MFP that would be a partnership of Alameda County (a small jurisdiction), and all the cities in the county, both large and small. The small jurisdictions in Alameda County include the Cities of Albany, Emeryville and Piedmont, as well as the County itself. It seems logical that the CEC would want a resolution from the lead agency for the MFP for the grant application. But contrary to logic, the requirement is for a resolution from a partnering “large” jurisdiction.

It would be extremely helpful to the Cities of Piedmont, Albany and Emeryville and the County of Alameda for the CEC to provide us with a sample resolution we could use in asking a partnering large jurisdiction to assist us in our applications. We would really like to avoid a scenario in which we write a resolution, find a large jurisdiction willing to help us by enacting it, and then find that the wording of the resolution does not meet CEC requirements. Does the CEC have such a sample resolution? If so, may we receive a copy of it?

Kevin Jackson city of PiedmontKevin Ja

10/19/2009 We would areatlv appreciate anv assistance you can provide. Q

		For now we are wrapping our hands around whether or not we would move forward with a direct purchase approach or not. Seems like it would be an easier way to go but we need to make sure that the direct purchase equipment list matches that of the equipment we are lining up to purchase for the new library. We are designing the structure for LEED Gold and if you are familiar with LEED criteria you will know that optimization of energy points are contingent upon how all of the systems work together and I am not sure if we have chosen which systems we are going to implement exactly. Should I go ahead and sign up for a meeting on the 30th in Sacramento in case I have an specific questions at that point?		
Jessica von Borck	Town of Los Gatos	<div></div>	10/19/2009	Q,C
Donna Bowlin, ?	Modoc County Public Works ?	<div></div>	10/19/2009	I recently downloaded the Grant Solicitation and Application Package and noticed that Exhibit 9 was missing in the packet. Exhibit 9, which is referenced on page 6, refers to advanced payment. Will advance payment be an option? If so our small jurisdiction would definitely be interested in this option. Please e-mail me a copy of exhibit 9, at your earliest convenience.
Pam Lowe	City of Menlo Park	<div></div>	10/20/2009	For Direct Equipment Purchase, can we retrofit SOME existing street lights to LED up to our allocated grant \$s or must we retrofit ALL existing street lights to LED? Exhibit E-2 #5 states “LED for all exterior applications including street lighting...”

			Regarding Direct Equipment Purchase List (Exhibit 2), what if I am replacing a 400W Metal halide lamp with a T5 high Output lamp (which is not on the list) which includes a Dual Technology Occupancy Sensor (which is on the list). Does this mean the measure is approved as a direct equipment replacement or not?	Y	Q
Richard Espinosa	Optimized Energy and Facilit		How do I find the attachment or puff for No. 28, Page 24 “ATTCHMEMTS’?		
Elizabeth Cumming	Assistant Project Manager		The attachment for the scope of work template provides descriptions of the task. When applicants prepare this attachment, do we have to include the wording you have provided, or can we follow that format and fill in our appropriate information? The attachment is a bit confusing and appear to be required to be provided the application.	Y	Q
Louis Celaya	City of Agoura Hills		Will there be clarification given regarding the Single Audit Requirement and the State Controller's Office Compliance Report that is posted on the EECBG website? Am I correct in interpreting that if a city is listed in that report as "exempt", "no review" or "accepted" that they are in compliance with the requirement already and do not have to do anything additional as part of the EECBG application? The directions on the website are a little vague.	Y	Q
Armanino, Dana	Marin County Community Development Agency				

			<p>Thank you for speaking with me this morning. My question is...since the County of Mendocino has, most likely sent three letters of intent (one from County of Mendocino; one from Mendocino County Community Development Corporation; and one from North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, including us in a regional application) does this create any confusion and do I need to clear it up in any way. Our application will be coming from the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.</p> <p>Thank you and please let me know if I can provide anything additional.</p>		
		10/22/2009	<p>Do you only have to do the energy balance calculation if you are doing an HVAC project? You say it is required if they HVAC use exceeds 50% of the electrical usage. If the project is just for lighting or boiler work, do you have to do the energy balance calculation? This requirement seems very excessive for the amount of funds that may be requested.</p>		
Armanino, Dana	Marin County Community Deve	10/22/2009		Y	Q
			<p>Does the reporting requirement end when the project is completed? If the project is a direct equipment purchase of T8 lighting – once that is installed, completed and invoiced in full do the monthly requirements for reporting end?</p>		
Dana Armanino	Marin County Community Deve	10/22/2009			
			<p>Will the presentation and attachment documents be avail for download ? If so, where and when ?</p>		
Matt Erickson	CITY OF WATERFORD	10/22/2009			
			<p>We are an individual applicant using the Direct Equipment Purchase Project Option, and would like to do several different project using one application. For example retrofit street lights, parking garage lights and replace HVAC system. Can we apply under one application?</p>		
Monica A. Pacheco	City of Orinda	10/22/2009			

			<p>Plumas County will be applying for Direct Purchase funds, but in partnership with Feather River Community College District. The hope is that the funds secured will purchase equipment (mostly lighting retrofits) for County and FRC buildings and FRC will coordinate an energy efficiency and installation class that will provide the workforce to install these items. We will need to pay an instructor (through the College), so my question is whether that person's wage can be included in the project budget or if that turns the project into an Energy Efficiency Project. Otherwise, I believe that all costs will be equipment-related.</p>
Eva Rocke	Feather River Community College		10/22/2009
Scott W. Huth	City of Coronado		<p>Can I get a copy of the power point from last weeks work shop please?</p> <p>10/29/2009 Thank you.</p> <p>I am working with several cities that are working with our commercial energy efficiency program on potential projects. The projects are lighting upgrades that they would like to submit through the far simpler Direct Equipment Purchase Option. Most of the project is T12 to T8 but to be comprehensive there are some incandescent bulbs that could be changed out to CFLs. I have attached a sample inventory and proposed retrofit list.</p> <p>Would we be able to do all of this through the direct equipment option or would we have to do a feasibility study for each of the projects? I can tell you now that most likely the cities will either not do a complete project (just do the T12-T8s through the DE option) or they will not do the projects at all as the effort to complete the feasibility studies would be beyond the benefit of the EECBG funds</p>
Armanino, Dana	Marin County Community Deve		10/29/2009

			<p>For a condensing boiler or furnace, the Direct Equipment Purchase List states that the cost must not exceed \$2,500 per million BTU. Does this mean that a 200,000 BTU (0.2 million BTU) boiler cannot cost more than \$500 including materials and installation? I am hoping I'm interpreting this incorrectly as it seems quite unreasonable to expect to meet this restriction. Please let me know if this is in fact how the requirement would apply.</p> <p>Also, would package AC units with heating qualify for direct equipment purchase and if so does the same cost restriction of \$1,000/ton still apply? If we want to upgrade HVAC equipment and cannot reasonably meet these cost restrictions (especially difficult given the requirement to buy only US-made equipment), do we then have to construct the application as an energy efficiency project rather than direct equipment purchase</p>		
eschell@ambag.org	AMBAG		10/29/2009	Y	Q
Olivia Puerta	City of Foster City		<p>I am having trouble understanding Attachment C required for small cities' EECBG application.</p> <p>Who is the Commission Project Manager? Who is the Grants Officer? How do we know how to contact them?</p>		
			10/29/2009		
			<p>"Regarding the Direct Equipment Purchase Option as it pertains to the CEC</p> <p>EECBG guidelines: if equipment must be "used in specific locations and applications," does this influence the ability to acquire equipment for use</p> <p>in implementation of residential or commercial energy efficiency and conservation programs?"</p>		
Jack Nixon	CSG Consultants, Inc.		10/29/2009		

o far I've created a folder containing 14 different documents we need to fill in and submit. Some of them, like the SOW, budget and feasibility *study* are quite intimidating. I don't see how most small towns will have the resources available to put this all together, so I expect there will be a lot of funds being returned to the DOE in March.

10/29/2009 It's frustrating, because we see big towns nearby who already got their stimulus dollars by sending in a simple 4 or 5 page proposal to the DOE

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Modoc County has been given the opportunity to apply for a \$50,000 block grant through the California Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The County is considering the possibility of utilizing this funding to purchase a new boiler for the Courthouse, but we need some clarification. In Exhibit 2 it states that a 'condensing boiler or furnace is not to exceed \$2,500/one million BTU including labor and material costs. Does this mean we can spend \$2,500 for every one million BTU's? For example, if we need a unit that puts out two million BTU's we can only spend \$5,000.? The existing courthouse boiler is over 50 years old and the building is three levels covering 6,300 square feet. We received a quote of \$60,000 for a new unit (including labor/materials). The boiler is 30 HP and 2 million BTU's. How much would be covered by this grant?

10/29/2009

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Dear John,

We are organizing our application and have several questions. The first relates to direct purchase, as one of our agencies may be interested in that option. The remaining questions all relate to an application for efficiency projects - which is the way we will probably go.

DIRECT PURCHASE

If an agency uses the direct purchase option, may temporary employees be hired for installation work, instead of a contractor? If so, can they be paid at the agency's standard rates for temporary employees or do prevailing wage provisions of Davis Bacon apply?

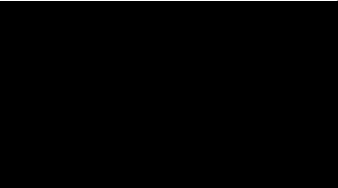
EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

1. By resolution, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) has endorsed a joint EECBG application by the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the City of Bishop, and Mono and Inyo Counties. The project would be managed by the High Sierra Energy Foundation (HSEF) - a 501 (c) (3). Unfortunately, the ESCOG is only a quarterly coordinating meeting and has no staff or legal standing. Consequently, the authorizing resolutions we will obtain from each agency will designate the Town of Mammoth Lakes as the fiscal agent that will work with the HSEF and to administer the EECBG grant. As fiscal agent, the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Hello:

We are preparing our application for the Direct Equipment Purchase program, and I have received a question from our staff. As part of our Traffic signal LED replacement project, there is a signal timing program coordination element associated with the direct equipment purchase of our traffic signal and pedestrian head whereby a engineer will coordinate traffic signal timing plans for the traffic signals to maximize the energy efficiency of the new LED technology being installed.

The question is can this be part of our direct purchase project application? Appreciate your response to this inquiry.
Thank you



		The County of El Dorado plans to submit project proposals to be funded by EECBG funds. We plan to submit multiple projects which include: Lighting Retrofits, Retro-commissioning, and upgrades to equipment to a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). Given the short deadline and the upcoming holidays, we are attempting to minimize or eliminate the need for audits and feasibility studies and apply all of our projects under the Direct Purchase option.			
		We have a few questions that I was not able to find answers for on the website or solicitation materials:			
		1. Are we required to contract installation work out? Are we able to perform the work in-house (force account)?			
		2. One of our proposed projects includes upgrades to our Environmental Control Systems. Would this project fit under the "Programmable Thermostats" section of the Direct Purchase list?			
		3. The proposed upgrades at the WWTF include change-outs of equipment such as bubblers to thin membrane devices. These devices do not appear on the Direct Purchase Equipment List as they are a fairly specific type of device. Is there any room to add equipment to the approved Equipment List?			
		4. If the answer to #3 above is "No", then our proposed projects will fit under both the Direct Purchase option and the Energy Efficiency option. Since the guidelines only allow one application, we assume we must provide the necessary Attachments & Exhibits for each type of project, correct?			
		5. Some of the equipment for the WWTF are included on the Direct Purchase Equipment List. Since not all of the equipment appears on the List (and if we can't			
Adam Baughman	Department of Transportati	11/3/2009	I have several questions regarding adoption of the resolutions (E4 and E5) in the EECBG solicitation and the associated CEQA findings. Specifically, does a CEQA determination need to be made prior to adoption of the ordinance, or can the lead and partner jurisdictions agree that the lead jurisdiction will follow all applicable CEQA requirements? In addition, what if a partner jurisdiction is scheduled to adopt the resolution prior to the lead jurisdiction. Given scheduling difficulties arising with the holidays, this may be needed	Y	Q
Chris Rich	City of santa barbara	11/3/2009		Q	Y

			<p>My inquiry is in reference to Sections 7 thru 9 in the Direct Equipment Purchases application requirements.</p> <p>We are pursuing the funds for (1) a shovel-ready project constructing a new building and (2) to renovate an existing building. The EIR for the new construction will be completed after the due date for the EECBG application.</p> <p>In your opinion, it possible for us to utilize a CEQA exemption at the ministerial level pertaining to the renovation of the existing building?</p>			
Casey Estorga	City of Los gatos		11/3/2009	Any and all information that you may have is certainly beneficial.	Q	Y
				Sorry I didn't get a chance to meet you while we were up there on		
Steve Schmidt	Jobshop		11/3/2009	Fridav. Hopefullv next time.	Q	Y
			11/3/2009	How do they convert the calculated watts saved into BTL would you be able to help me?		Y
				<p>I am doing some research for a customer, and found the 3 presentations on the website under:</p> <p>Presentations - Staff Workshop on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Funding Application Process for Small Cities and Counties</p> <p>The second presentation has a page that reads:</p> <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Applicants: ONLY cities and counties listed in Exhibit 1. Collaborative Applicants: ONLY public agencies or non-profit entities applying on behalf of cities and counties listed in Exhibit 1. 		
				Where is Exhibit 1?????????		
Laurie Roseri	W.W. Grainger		11/11/2009		Y	Q

Hi Chris & Staff:


I am working with Del Norte County on an energy project. They will need to fund this project - in part - using the 1% CEC funding source.

Is there a time limit on the funding repayment period? 5-years? 10-years? 15-years?

Please, call me at 916-240-4940 or return E-mail at [REDACTED].

Thank you!

Bill Sherbert Johnson Controls, Inc. [REDACTED] 11/11/2009 Bill Sherbert Y Q

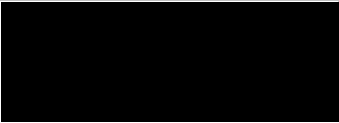
			<p>Hello Chris, I am assisting the City of Farmersville in completing some of its paperwork for the EECBG Small City allocation. Farmersville will be replacing several rooftop, 20-year old HVAC units with new energy efficient models through the direct purchase option. The City Council has passed the authorizing resolution and noted the CEQA categorical exemption (replacing existing equipment). I have the following questions relating to CEQA and NEPA:</p> <p>Attachment F- CEQA compliance forms indicates that a NOE is also required. Do we need to file this exemption with the County Clerk and attach a copy with the application?</p> <p>For NEPA- Is the questionnaire (Attachment H) required for every project even if the project is certified as Categorically Excluded in Attachment G?</p> <p>We want to make sure we have all the necessary forms and components for the application.</p> <p>Thank you for your guidance. I know you have been most helpful in the past.</p>		
Jill Mohler	Blais & Associates, Inc.		11/11/2009	Q	Y
			<p>I recently received the following notice:</p> <p>Current State Controller's Compliance Report On-Line The most current State Controller's Office (SCO) Compliance Report is available on-line. The SCO categorizes local governments into either exempt, no review or accepted. To receive ARRA funds, make certain you are in compliance with the Single Audit Act</p> <p>I checked online and our City (City of Menlo Park, Entity Code 41-524-000) is listed as "No Review." What does this exactly mean?? We are in compliance with the Single Audit Act.</p>		
Lowe, Pam H <p	city of Menlo Park		11/11/2009	Y	Q

I am preparing our application form for the City of El Paso de Robles. We will be using EECBG/ARRA Funds under the category of "energy efficiency projects". We will preparing a set of bid documents and solicit bids from contractors to perform the work. My question is how to complete ATTACHMENT E. We will be using all the EECBG/ARRA Funds to pay the contractor. In other words, we will not be seeking reimbursement for any city staff time spent on the project. So then can I just submit the budget as follows?

EECBG/ARRA Funds available	\$156,083
Energy Efficient Project	

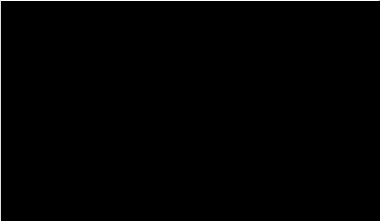
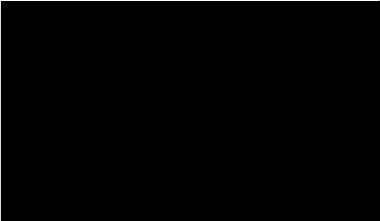
Construction cost (contractor)	\$147,083
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Consultant to assist City of El Paso de Robles	9,000
Total	\$156,083

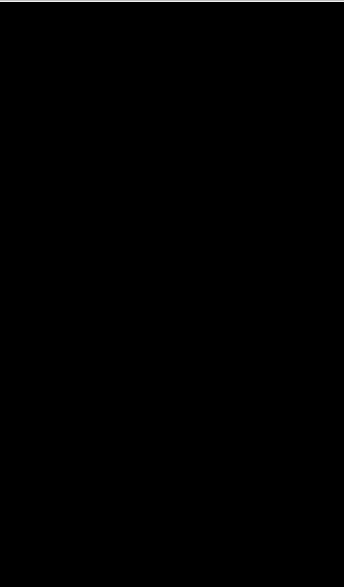


			<p>Stephanie Bailey, I obtained your name and this email from the notice regarding the Energy Efficiency and Block Grant Program. I am seeking information about the Block Grant Program, or other programs, for which the agency I represent may be eligible for grant funding. Vanir Construction Management is has oversight for the construction of the new offices of California Independent Service Operator (CAISO), which is the non-profit public benefit corporation operating the majority of California's high voltage wholesale power grid, located in Folsom. Because CAISO is not a city or county it does not seem to qualify for funding under the Block Grant program. My question: Is it possible for CAISO to submit a proposal for funding for a project related to the construction of the new facility. Specifically, we desire to construct an educational lab within the new facility that will provide information and education on generation and distribution of electrical energy. We anticipate the lab to be of use to students, professionals that tour the facility and the general public. To my knowledge this would be the only lab of this type in the state. If this project would not qualify for the Block Grant, would it qualify in another area for funding. Thank you in advance for your help.</p>		
Emily Schell	Ambag Org		11/11/2009	Y	Q
			<p>If the application is submitted by November 25th, when do you think we will receive a letter of award of contract? How quickly after the City executes the award agreement can we proceed? Currently, we have two projects (new City Hall and the Paradise Cove Wastewater projects) that are moving quicker that we can process the application.</p>		
Patricia Salazar	Malibu		11/16/2009	Y	Q

		Award Agreement - Does the Award Agreement require an additional resolution by the City Council? I would like to go to Council once for this grant.				
Patricia Salazar	Malibu		11/16/2009	Y	Q	
			Hello -			
			Please send me examples of feasibility studies the Energy Commission will require as part of the EECBG application. Thanks!			
			11/17/2009	Y	Q	
			It looks as though I may be stuck with applying to use \$10,000 of Piedmont's \$58,369 toward development costs for a MFP. This amount could be reduced to \$7,125 if all the jurisdictions in the County take part in the MFP. But the best scenario would be for a SEP 1 grant being awarded to a Sacramento-led partnership of counties, in which case we will not be asked for these start up costs - they would be covered by the grant funds. Thus, what I'm looking at is including the \$10,000 for a MFP (the remainder for a DEP streetlight program) in the EECBG application and hoping that the SEP grant comes through so that I could apply all the EECBG funds to the DEP. So my question is: Am I facing a budget reallocation or an amendment should I be granted the EECBG for both the MFP and DEP and then once we learn the results of the SEP grant either: a.Needing to reduce the MFP allocation to \$7,125 or b.Needing to eliminate the MFP completely from the EECBG monies (and applying those monies to the DEP)? Can you elaborate what might be involved in either of these changes should they need to occur? And I have to ask again: Have you made any progress in developing a sample resolution for a "large"			
"Kevin Jackson	Piedmont		11/16/2009	Y	Q	

			Hello,
			I have a jurisdiction (City of Seaside) which would like to apply for an EECBG grant as well as a low-interest loan, however they have made it clear that they will not be able to fund these projects on a reimbursement basis due to ongoing cash-flow problems. Would it be possible for them to get reimbursed upon submitting invoices from their contractors rather than receipts/proof of payment, so that they can use the loan/grant funds to pay the invoices? Please let me know how exactly this process would work so that I can share it with them, as they are considering not applying for funding due to this potential caveat.
			Thanks!
			Emily Schell
Emily Schell	Ambag		11/16/2009
John Fischette	Energy Innovation Group, L		11/16/2009
			Would you provide or tell me where to find the ARRA Buy American clause that is being referred to in this solicitation? Also, is there a required reporting function for this clause?

Guadalupe Rivera,
PE *Sutter County Public Works*



11/16/2009

1. For direct equipment purchases, can we have our county facilities personnel install the equipment or does the work need to be contracted out?
2. With the grant money, can new light fixtures with T8 ballasts be purchased and installed where light fixtures with T12 ballasts currently exist or are we only approved to purchase and install the ballasts, again, under direct equipment purchases?
3. Item 10 on Exhibit 2 indicates "High Efficiency HVAC System Replacement". Is "High Efficiency" defined as a unit that would save 1 kwh/year per \$1 spent?
Thank you in advance for your time.

If an application for multiple jurisdictions is submitted, and one jurisdiction isn't in compliance, will the application stand for all the other jurisdictions? Or will the entire application be turned down?

Mike Nemeth San Joaquin Valley Clean Ener

11/17/2009

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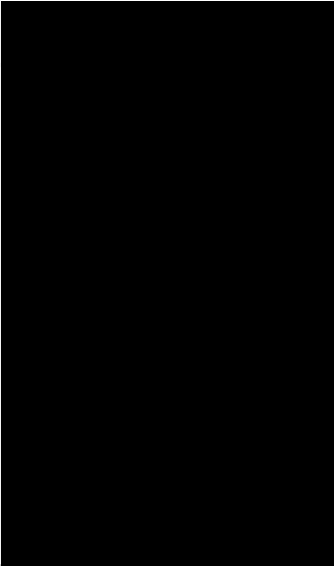
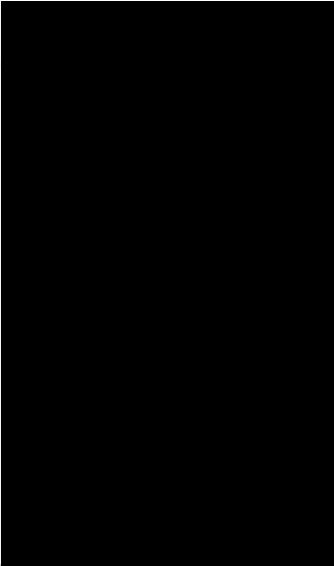
I am writing from the League of Cities on behalf of the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. The City recently submitted an application for an EECBG grant and is wondering what the status of their application is and what the general process timeline is. I just spoke with Sarah and Monica with Commission staff and they directed me to this email address.

Dane M. Wadlé League of California Cities

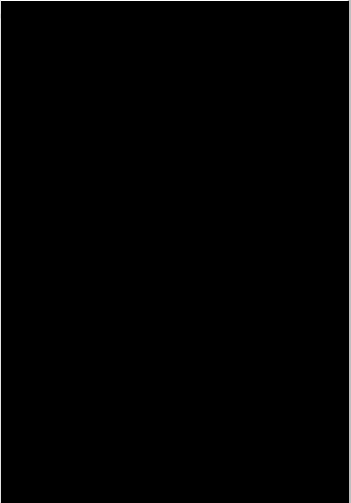
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			<p>A small city located in Kern County has contacted me for assistance. They have filed a Notice of Intent to apply for the small cities EECBG funding allocated to their city. But they are now uncertain as to the next steps. I see on your website that the funding solicitation has been issued and is due in January. Is the next step for the city to submit the application? Do they need to complete an audit prior to submitting the application? I apologize is this is answered in the solicitation documents - I have not read them. I did not see this basic question answered on the FAQ page.</p>		
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments		11/19/2009	Y	Q
			11/19/2009	Y	Q
			11/19/2009	Y	Q
Shelly Reider			11/19/2009	Y	Q
			11/19/2009	Y	Q
			11/23/2009	Y	Q

			<p>I serve on a volunteer “Energy Issues Advisory Committee” in the City of Del Mar in San Diego County. Our committee would like to establish a master climate action plan for the city as noted in the EECBG FAQs posted on the CEC website (see below).</p> <p>The small size of our City does not afford us the opportunity to have a staff position such as an “Environmental Program Manager”. Grant funding would help overcome this disadvantage. Two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is the status of the unallocated EECBG funds?2. How can the City of Del Mar support a decision to fund climate action planning for small cities?		
Daniel Nore	Del Mar Energy Issues Advisor	<div></div>	11/23/2009	Y	Q
			<p>I am in the process of writing the EECBG for the City of Goleta. We are applying through the direct equipment purchase route. We are looking to replace roadway intersection lights in the City with efficient LED lights. I just received a price quote and the lights each cost. \$958 dollars plus \$75 to install. We have chosen this specific lamp because Southern California Edison has approved this lamp for a \$.11/kWh saved rebate. This rebate will probably come to about \$100 per lamp.</p> <p>I am unclear the purpose of the Direct Equipment Purchase List Cost Effectiveness Calculation sheet which I have attached. Is the CEC just trying to exemplify to applicants how they came to the conclusion that these replacements were cost effective? Can we ask for around \$900 to \$1000 to replace a street lamp when the calculation sheet only allocates \$550 grant money?</p>		
Andrea Romano	city of Goleta	<div></div>	11/23/2009		

Dawn Van Dyke City of Winters		<p>Do the contractors used by the applying city have to fill out all the same requirement forms that the City had to fill out, such as Contractor Status Form, Darfur, Non-discrimination (Exhibit B), etc?</p> <p>Also, must it be submitted with the application or can it be submitted after the fact?</p>	Y	Q
		<p>We have a few projects that will be applying for the EECBG Grant, These project are base on a study that was done back in 2002 by the California Energy Commission Energy Partnership Program.</p> <p>The question is will the Energy Efficiency Study be accepted since it was done back in 2002?</p>		
		<p>11/19/2009</p> <p>Our jurisdiction is receiving a very small allocation through the EECBG program, so we are very focused on the direct equipment purchase in order to use every dollar efficiently. In the guidelines, it states that HVAC for a 24-hour facility such as a jail or police department is an acceptable purchase. We are considering replacing the 20+ year old HVAC unit at our City Hall. Is that an acceptable direct purchase?</p> <p>Thanks,</p>	Y	Q
		<p>11/25/2009</p> <p>Q: I am sending in this e-mail to see if our project for the block grant would qualify as a direct purchase or energy project. We are looking to use our allocated funds to retrofit our Internally Illuminated Street signs to LED lighting.</p>	Y	Q

Piedmont will ask its council on December 7th to pass the resolution for the EECBG application for a DEP and MFP. In the section of the resolution regarding CEQA compliance, I modified the test as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the in compliance with the CEQA, the Piedmont City Council finds: 1) that the approval of the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A as a Direct Equipment Purchase LED street light replacement project is a project under CEQA that is exempt under Sections 15301 and 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines because the project is a minor alteration and replacement of existing facilities; and 2) that the approval of the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A as the CaliforniaFIRST municipal financing program is not a project under CEQA because it does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4).

Before I complete my report this Wednesday and take this to council, is this language compliant with the CEC’s needs? And if not, could you send me suggested modifications asap?

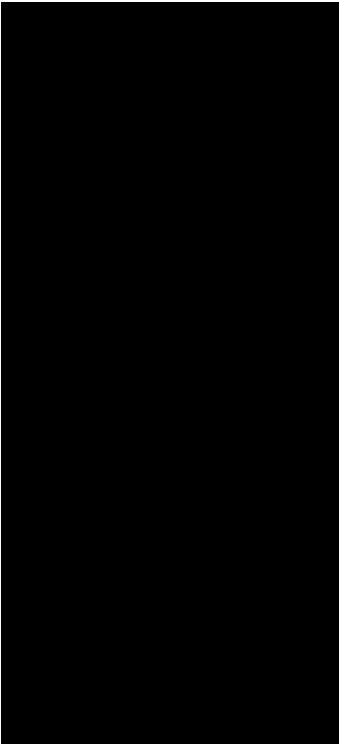
		A city client has inquired about the requirements for bidding/RFP for the services to provide the energy efficiency projects. I couldn't find a reference to bidding requirements in the Grant Solicitation and Application Package but may have missed it.	
		I appreciate your help!	
Jessica A. O'Hare	Townsend Public Affairs, In	1/33/09	N Q
Sharon Campbell	Blais & Associates, Inc.	12/3/2009	Y

Can you please advise if the unemployment factor outlined on page 4 of the EECBG solicitation is already calculated into the allocations listed in Exhibit 1. It appears the unemployment factor is already included in the allocation but we would like to be certain prior to submitting the application.

		In reading through the Q & A, I ran across this question and answer.		
		Q: Will the Energy Commission provide the jurisdictions with energy efficiency calculations for the projects listed on the Direct Equipment Purchase list?		
		A: Yes. Please contact [REDACTED] for a copy of the material.		
Danilo Batson	City of Commerce	[REDACTED]	12/3/2009	Y
		Can you please provide us with such a list?		
		City of Pinole has a question about Direct Equipment Purchases. For Direct Equipment Purchases in Lighting, does the purchase of NEW Ballasts and Lamps qualify for the grant. Not to be replacing existing, but for new installation in the City where lighting is deficient.		
Melissa Tigbao	City of Pinole	[REDACTED]	12/2/2009	Y

I am working as a consultant to the City of Signal Hill, which has been allocated \$60,853 in the program. Our preference is to use the money towards the installation of a new PV solar generation system for a new police station. Alternatively the money could be used toward the installation of a PV system for an existing City facility. From that calculations that we have done, it appears that the City will need to match the ARRA funds on about a 50:50 ratio to achieve the saving of of 10 million Btus per \$1,000 EECBG spent. The City is prepared to do that. Will this qualify as a project?

Alan Braatvedt
KOA Corporation - CBM Consulting



12/3/2009

Y

I am completing the application for the City of Lathrop and had a question regarding Attachment H the Environmental Questionnaire. During one of the workshops, I have in my notes that this Attachment might not be required. We are doing the Direct Purchase Option for LED traffic lights, and HVAC replacement, and some Occupancy Sensor switches. Will this Questionnaire be required? Do I have to send it in with the Application or can it come later after it is determined that it will be needed?

The rest of the application is almost done but this could take some time to complete correctly. Also, I have tried to start filling it in and the form would not let me fill in any spots – whereas the other forms all let me fill them in directly.

Megan M. Greve
City of Lathrop

12/7/2009

Y

			Is City of Carlsbad eligible for this grant? We do not see them on the eligible list.	
Ken Burtech	City of Carlsbad		12/7/2009	Y
			We putting an application together for Direct Equipment Purchase to replace existing high pressure sodium light fixtures with energy efficient LED lighting fixtures on existing street lights and had a question regarding Attachment C – Scope of Work Template for Direct Equipment Purchases. Are we suppose to submit the Attachment C as is with our application? Or are we supposed to insert the due dates for each TASK?	Y
Jose A. Pacheco	City of Hercules		12/7/2009	
			In Attachment F, we have found our projects to be exempt under categorical exemption number 15301.	
			Per instructions, the city has passed an authorizing resolution that includes finding of exemption.	
			We are unclear why a Notice of Determination (NOD) needs to be filed with the County Clerk if the project is categorically exempt. Our understanding is that NODs are only needed if the project is not exempt. The attachment language infers that an NOD is needed either way- Yes and submit copy of NOD or No and provide estimated filing date.	Y
Melissa Lo	Energy Innovation Group LLC		12/2/2009	
			We are proposing a Solar Photovoltaic system at a City on the Grant list. Most of your examples are for HVAC and lighting upgrades. We are confident that our system will meet the required efficiency model in the Grant Program. Is there a reason Solar Photovoltaic is not mentioned in the Grant Program?	
			Is there a contact "hotline" for questions or assistance in the application process?	
Terry Peterson	Digital Solutions Group		12/1/2009	Y
			Are there resources at the California Energy Commission Grants and Loans Office in Sacramento?	

The City of Lomita is planning on submitting for projects that will utilize almost all of our allocated funding. We are concerned that once we get actual bids we might be over budget. If this happens is it ok to drop one of the projects so we do not have to incur out of pocket expenses.

Alicia Heideman	City of Lomita		12/7/2009	<p>Santa Barbara County intends to use its "small jurisdiction" allocation of EECBG funds (approximately \$772,000) to establish a municipal energy finance program, pursuant to AB 811. The County has worked with each of its eight incorporated cities, who are interested in participating. Moreover, the City of Santa Barbara, a "large" jurisdiction, adopted a resolution to that effect on November 18, 2009, consistent with Exhibit 5 of the CEC's EECBG guidelines (see attachment). Then on November 23, 2009, the CEC posted a "Sample Large Jurisdiction Resolution for Municipal Finance Programs." I would like to work with someone at the CEC to ensure that the resolution adopted by the City of Santa Barbara is adequate, enabling Santa Barbara County to access the EECBG funds needed to establish a regional financing program. Given the tight timeframes, it will be very difficult to have the City of Santa Barbara adopt another resolution.</p>	Y	
Chris Rich	Santa Barbara County		12/8/2009	<p>Please clarify that Attachment G, NEPA compliance certificate, needs to be completed and signed by the City's legal representative (the City Attorney) rather than the City's "authorized" representative.</p>	Y	Resolution attached.
Kevin Jackson	City of Piedmont		12/7/2009	<p>We are hoping we can get some direction on the NEPA compliance/certification form on page 3 of Attachment G in the PON-09-001 solicitation. It states that the "authorized legal representative of the Applicant" must sign off on this form. Is this to be construed as someone from our legal department – that is, a member from our County Counsel? Or is this referring to the person the Board has authorized as signatory – that is, the County Executive Officer?</p>	Y	Per John B's answer
Betty Wong	County of Santa Barbar		12/9/2009		Y	Per John B's answer

Ditas Esperanza	City of El Paso De Robles		12/10/2009	<p>Please confirm that you received our application forms for the Small City/County Grant Program. We are expected to receive \$156,083 by formula. Please let me know if you need anything else in order to consider our application as APPROVED so we can proceed with the work. thanks</p> <p>What is the CFDA number and title for the PON-09-001 solicitation?</p>	Y	
Betty Wong	County of Santa Barbara		12/10/2009	<p>Can a small jurisdiction apply for EECBG funding for a municipal financing program without partnering with a large jurisdiction?</p> <p>One question about the Cover Page, item #5: "Budget includes prevailing wage" Yes/No</p>	Y	Per John B's answer
Matthew Muniz	County of Alameda		12/4/2009	<p>We have no plans to hire professional workers who would fall under the DBA/prevaling wage requirements. Given this, do we answer Yes or No to this question?</p>	Y	
Steve Schmidt	ejobshop.com		12/14/2009		Y	

Question 8-Are all accounts reconciled monthly? What accounts are you referring to? For example, bank accounts?

Question 12-Does your organization have procedures that provide assurance that consistent treatment is applied in the distribution of charges to all awards? Please explain what you mean by "consistent treatment...in the distribution of charges to all awards"?

Carol Johnson	Santa Cruz County	<div></div>	12/14/2009	Y	Per John B's answer
Allen Bourgeois	City of Oakley	<div></div>	12/15/2009	Y	

Attachment H is still "if necessary." But please make sure that you fill out Attachment G, which is necessary. I am sorry that the e-blast caused confusion.

We do not have a central contact point by phone. This e-mail address is the main contact point. The EECBG staff is busy and often not at his/her desk and your voice message may not be heard for several days. But someone is monitoring this EECBG e-mail daily, so this is the quickest way to get your questions answered.

The Town of Moraga is planning to include the installation of photovoltaic panels in our EECBG application. We were recently advised by a supplier/contractor that if we fund the solar electric installation with EECBG funds, that the California Solar rebate would not be available. This is the first I've heard of this and need to validate it (it makes a very large difference in the application calculations!).

Does the EECBG grant invalidate the solar rebates?

Also, the Town is planning on using the 1% Energy Commission loan to help finance our list of projects. The CEC loan information seems pretty straight-forward and I don't see any limitations (other than swimming pools, gaming, aquariums, zoos and golf courses) that might limit the use of the funds on our energy savings projects. We plan to apply for funds to cover installation of a portion of our grant projects and to cover digital HVAC controls (that don't seem to actually save any energy). Have any other conditions been identified that might limit how we use these funds?

John Sherbert	City of Moroga	<div></div>	12/15/2009	Y
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If we submit an application on time, which is rejected, is there still an opportunity to re-submit an alternative project after the due date?

100

12/15/2009

2. Could we include duct work as part of the project?

Y

Y

Per Joseph
W

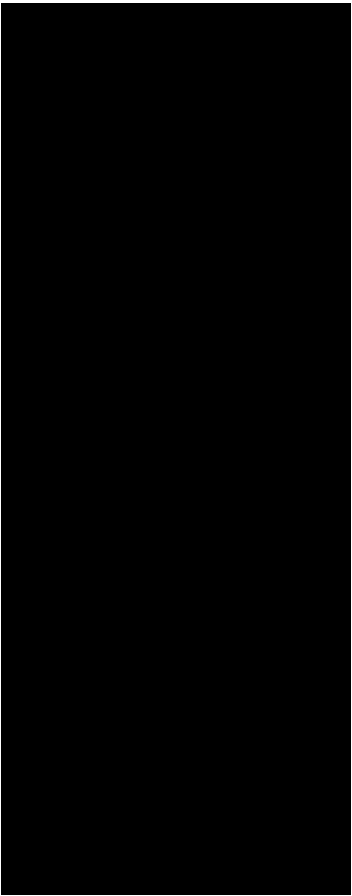
I also have another question regarding Attachment H – Environmental Questionnaire under Project Summary. Where do I get the Solicitation/Project Number? And who is the Principal Investigator?

Jose A. Pacheco	City of Hercules	<div></div>	12/15/2009	Financial Management Information Grant	Y
Cynthia Jenkins	City of Oakley	<div></div>	12/15/2009	On questions # 16 you ask “how does your organization control paid time”. Could I get some clarification on what you mean by paid time?	Y

				<p>When I and my colleagues with the County of Alameda met with you on October 30th in Sacramento, we asked about what you wanted us to submit to prove cost effectiveness. Piedmont is proposing to use the bulk of its money on a DEP LED streetlight replacement with the remaining \$10,000 for set-up of a MFP.</p> <p>We were told that you were looking for separate cost-effectiveness calculations for the DEP and MFP. Is this correct? Or do you want a cost effectiveness noted for the combined DEP and MFP?</p> <p>You said that DEP projects were in essence deemed cost effective and as long as we submitted Attachment B, you were not looking for a cost effective calculation for DEP projects. Is this correct?</p> <p>And as for the MFP, you indicated that you did not expect the MFP to meet the cost-effective criteria you are requiring for the EEP. Is this correct? We were told that for the MFP you want to receive information as to how the city determined the MFP cost effective. Do you have a cost-effectiveness calculator you have developed for MFPs? If so, can you provide me a link to it or send it via email? Should we use the calculator you developed for EEPs? Should we bother with a calculator at all?</p>		
Kevin Jackson	City of Piedmont		12/15/2009	<p>And finally, is there a cost effective threshold that you are looking for MFPs to meet? If there is not threshold or I cannot tell if a resolution from the City Council is required for a "Direct Equipment Purchase" or "Energy Efficiency Projects". Pages 7 and 8 do not say one is required, but page 13 implies one is needed. It is clear that a Municipal Financing Program requires a resolution, but not the others.</p> <p>The problem is our City Council does not meet again until January 12, the day the application is due.</p>	Y	Per John S
Tom Last	City of Grass Valley		12/16/2009	<p>Can you please clarify?</p>	Y	Per John B

I have two questions about applying for the funding:

Ryan Thompson City of Calabasas



12/17/2009

1. Our Council went dark for the month of December before the feasibility study was completed. The next meeting is Jan. 13, 2010, the day after the deadline. Would it be acceptable to send the unsigned resolution that will go before Council with the packet and provide the signed and approved copy after the meeting?

2. Due to the nature of our project (predominantly upgrading light fixtures), is “Prevailing Wages” required? Y

1. Attachment B - We were not planning to bid out this project until the grant expenditure was authorized, and thus, do not know what the make, model of the HVAC system(s) would be. Would it suffice to simply give specifications, or do we need to name a provider?

2. Attachment B - As we would be replacing several wall A/C and heating units with an HVAC system (maybe two or three HVAC systems), we would like to modify the spreadsheet to indicate this (i.e. it is not a one-for-one replacement). Is this okay to modify the spreadsheet, or if not, how should we compare the many existing wall units with the few HVAC units?

Catherine Leland City of La Habra Heights

12/17/2009

Y

Per Joseph
W.

We are doing a Direct Equipment Purchase option. Our allocation of \$ is approx. \$169K. We are doing two projects – one is interior lighting upgrades on City buildings, the other is upgrading streetlights to LED streetlights. Both projects are being done by contract.

1. Budget – we have estimates, but the work won't get done for several months and some costs could go up. Should we increase the budget for the equipment to account for the possibility? Some costs will be in labor – I have been hired to handle the grant and implement part of the project. We have some flexibility with labor and overhead costs. How flexible is the budget? For example we input 50K for lighting Building 1, 5K for labor and overhead. Then, when the project actually gets done, the lights actually cost 55K. Can we use the labor and overhead budgeted to pay for the equipment cost (the contract amt), or do the budget lines have to come out as submitted. Should we increase the contract amt by a %, or put the extra funds into labor/overhead?

2. The Grant asks for a Main Contact name/number. Karineh is going on maternity leave from 1/15 – 5/31/10 – I will be handling the grants in her absence. Should I be the contact person, then when she returns, she can be changed to the contact person. (I'm a temp employee and will be gone when she returns.

Kathy Southern"	City of San Pablo	<div></div>	12/22/2009	With the EECBG program, do grantees need to follow certain bidding procedures? Thank you.	Y	Q
Matthew Hicks	Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.	<div></div>	12/22/2009		Y	Q

Regarding the revised version of Attachment E:

We're proposing to use the bulk of our EECBG funds for a DEP LED streetlight replacement project. All the project tasks will be implemented by a contractor. The contractor and subcontractors are unknown at this point since the City will need to determine the contractor through a bidding process. We would not draft or release the RFP for this contract unless we have been awarded the grant funds, much less award the contract. Nor would we know in advance what subcontractors were to be employed. In such a case, is it sufficient to fill in the Contract Labor worksheet of Attachment E with TBD all across the sheet?

12/28/2009

Q

Answer,or partial answer	

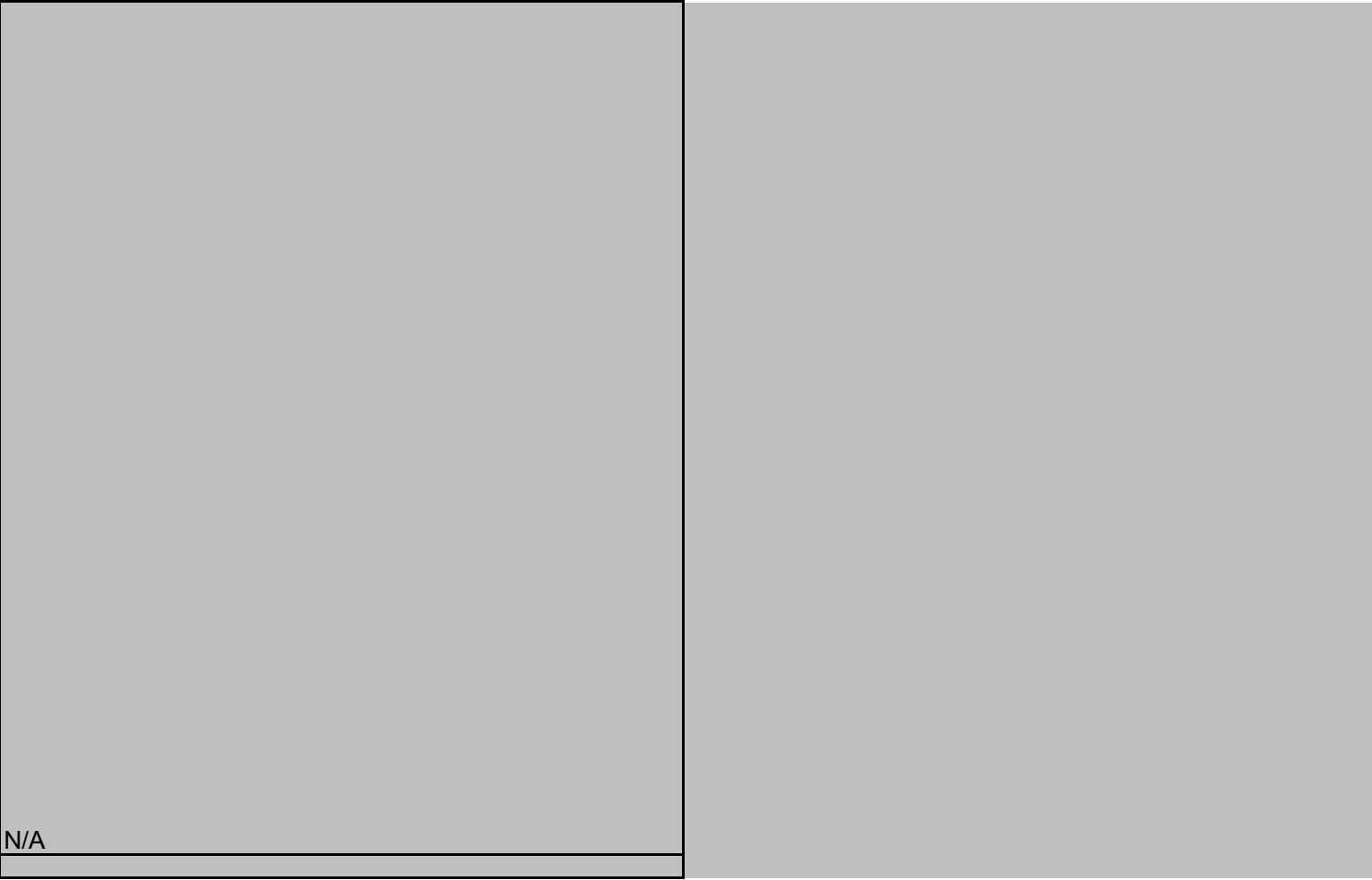
No, the CEC has until 5/26 to submit the guidelines to the DOE for approval	

Rergding ARPA-E funds, the Commission is not involved in disbursing these funds. Please contact the National Labs for matching questions. Please see <http://www.ab811.org/> for answers to 811. There is no deadline, however, there is a waiting list.

N/A	

N/A

N/A



N/A

N/A

N/A	
N/A	

[illegible]

Yes	
Yes, if can show the minimum 10 million btu/\$1,000	

DOE has determined the figures. We have not , as of yet, been able to find out how prisons were considered.

If it meets the Efficiency requirements, Guidelines are in draft form. Allocations have been ascertained

The Program does not include renewable energy projects. AB2176 does not support inclusion of renewables. It is also difficult for renewables to qualify under the cost-effectiveness criterion. Staff believes that the efficiency projects, even where "low hanging fruit" has been taken, should qualify cost-effectively.

Each jurisdiction should apply for a block grant through the formula program discussed here. The program will provide funding for an eligible project. If other SEP funds may be available, the jurisdiction should then pursue those.

This technology may be included in project proposals.

The population estimates that we are using come from the Department of Energy. We do not know whether they include the prison population in their estimates.

AB 2176 restrictions appear to preclude that. Any project that goes ahead must have taken care of any necessary environmental reviews. These grants are like any other source of funding, they do not provide any exemption from other requirements. Loans may be as large as \$3 Million.

1) please check with Deborah re: population of unincorporated county areas, which I think is our population figure. A landfill gas project may be eligible, we ought to know more. It's not clear that modifications to AB 2176 will clear this up.

See dated question for 8/5 sent on 8/17 for follow up.

The goal is annual savings of at least 10 Million Btu's of source energy per \$1,000 spent. Each kilowatt hour saved is equivalent to about 12,000 Btus.

AB2176 requires that no more than 5% of the Block Grant funding be used for administration, aka "overhead". The Energy Commission is using about 2.5% of the funds for administration. This leaves local agencies with the option of using up to 2.5% of their grants for administration.

Your joint application is the one applications you are allowed

The Energy Commission is unable to pay for any work undertaken prior to Commission approval of the grant.

These assessments are normally undertaken prior to projects or efficiency loans. We are working to post a couple of examples.

If the solar panels are for heating water, then they represent energy efficiency. If the panels are photovoltaics, they tend to be expensive, compared to energy efficiency. They are not efficiency measures, and cost-effectiveness tends to be low.

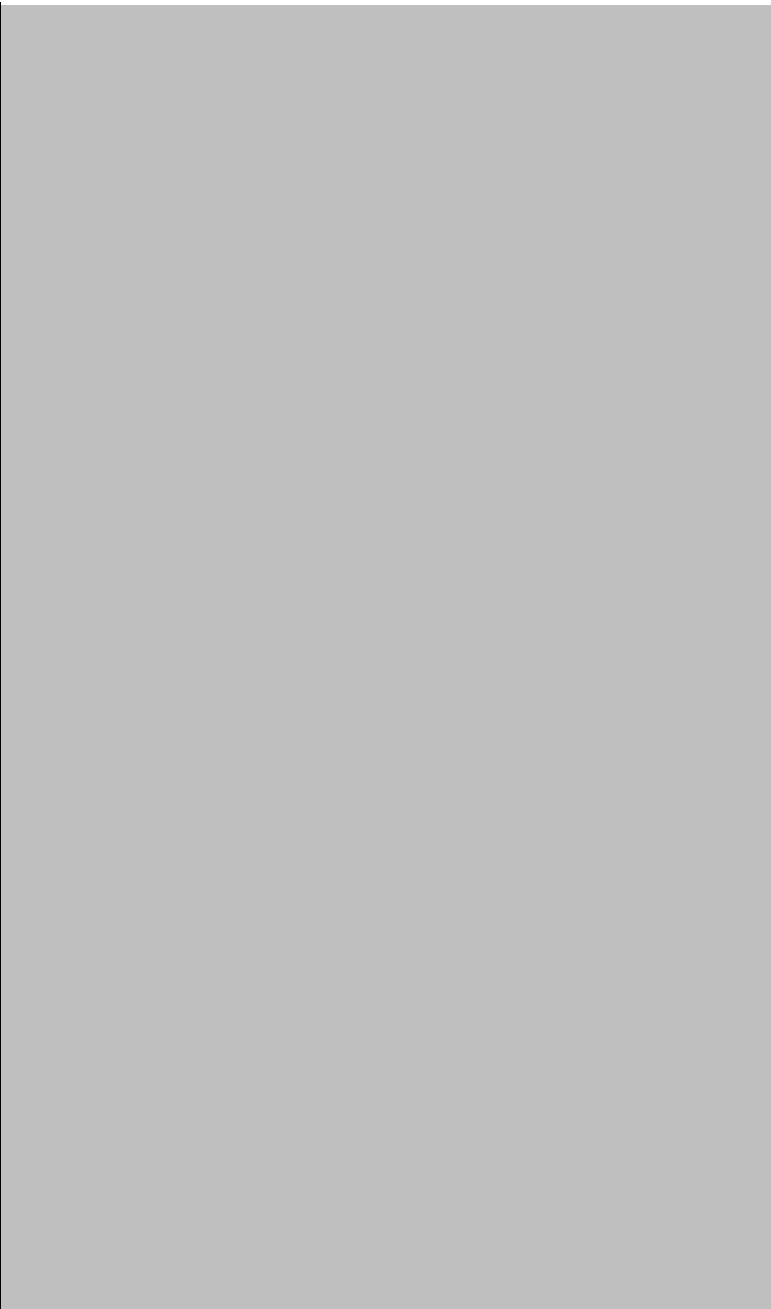
As long as each application is on behalf of a different group of partners, that is fine.

Paso Robles is qualified to apply for a grant. We are working on finalizing the application requirements. They will follow the draft guidelines,
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-150-2009-002/CEC-150-2009-002-D.PDF>

We would compare the savings against the EECBG funding.

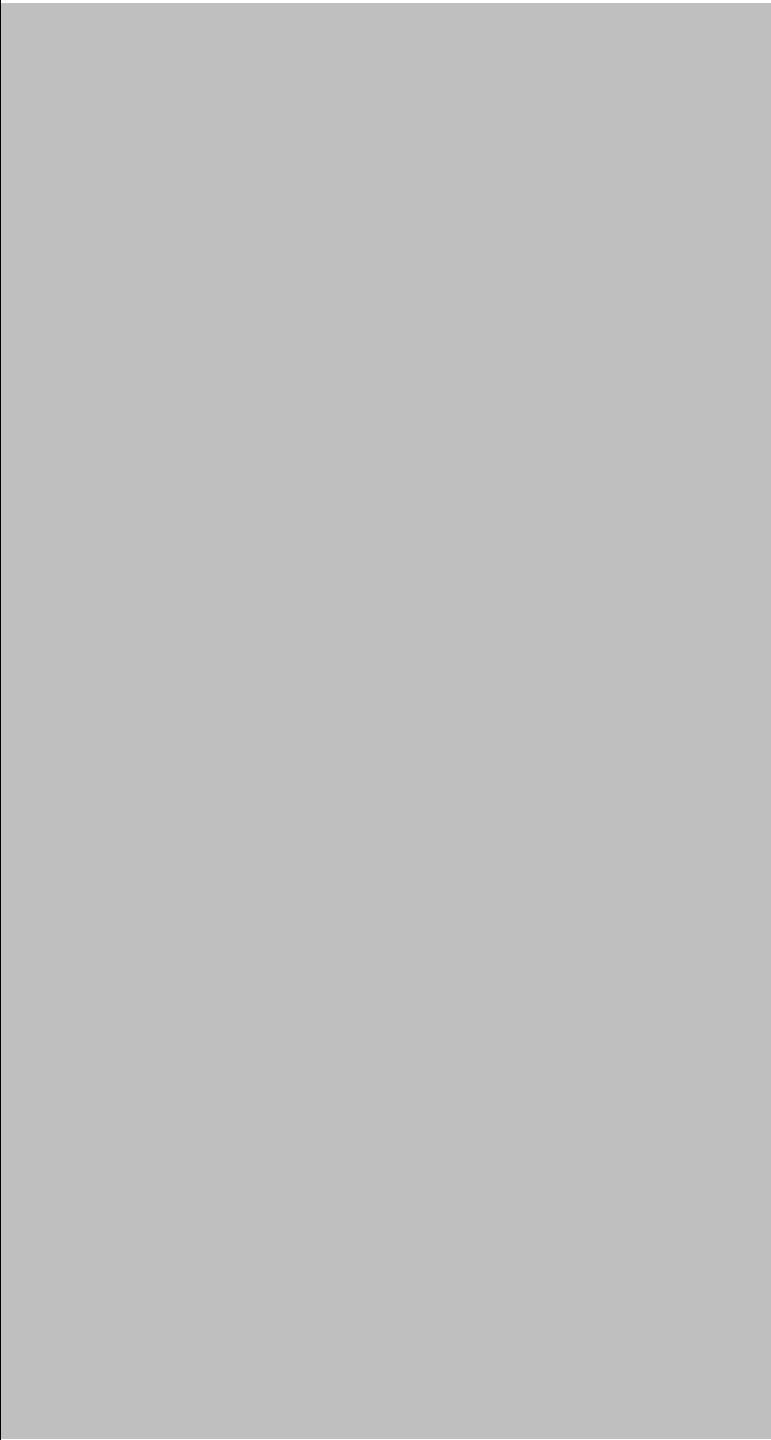
Street Lighting may qualify, if the other conditions are met.

Hopefully we will learn within the next couple of weeks. The language is in a bill that is following the budget.
That seems like it would be more efficient than no coordination. However, the federal program does not impart authority to us that would allow us to pursue such a directive course.
? That would depend on the uses of the funds, and how certain It is that the work would be completed in time.
The TA team is working with the city of Albany.
We believe so.



referred to
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/partnership/index.html>

That decision is up t the Department of Energy.
The forumula grant program discussed at the workshop is not open to large cities and counties.
A loan can make up the difference.



Answered by Adel, John and Chris, referred to TA

The conversion efficiency of fossil fuels to electricity is the basis for the source energy estimates. We are using about 12,000 Btu/kWh.

Answer was provided by Adel, John Deboorah, Amir

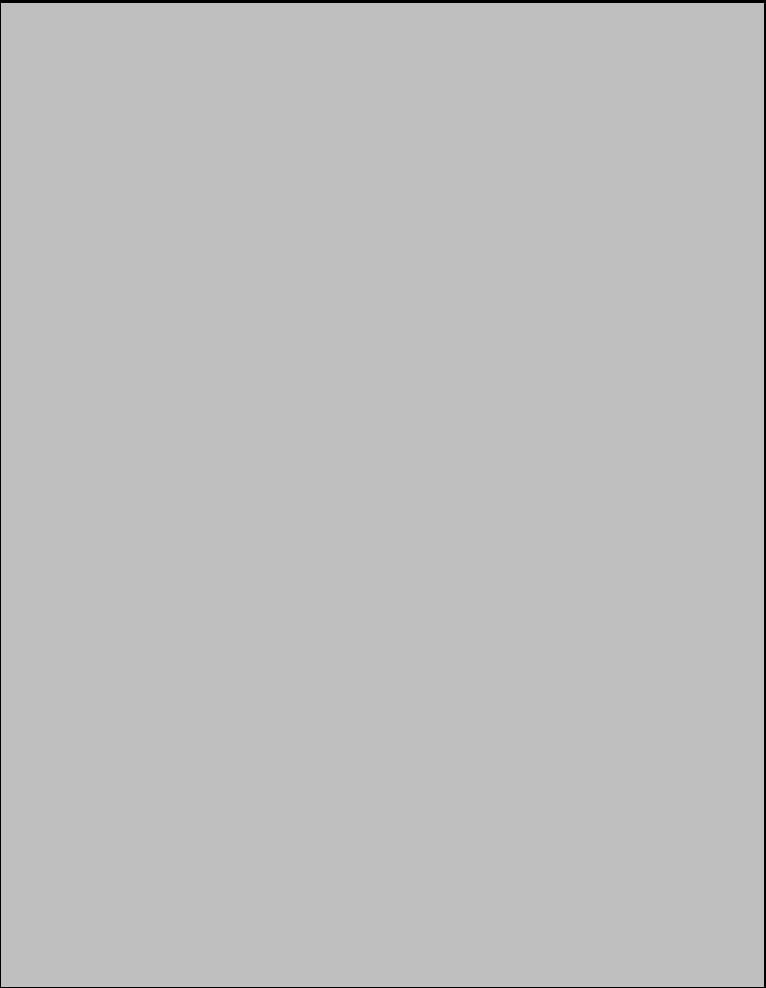
Our programs evaluate existing facilities, and fund project that local agencies undertake. We do not promote or underwrite any specific products. You should contact local agencies to determine whether they would be interested in using your products.

Via it's respective City	
Handled by John Butler,	

The constraints on the state program for smaller jurisdictions probably make it simpler for your firm to work with the larger jurisdictions. They are also receiving block grant funds directly from the Department of Energy. We recommend that you speak with them about the uses of these funds.

State law directs us to fund cost-effective energy efficiency.
Commission staff may be able to assist in identifying
efficiency opportunities.

The Energy Commission is using June 2009 figure provided
by the state Department of Finance.



Fully answered all questions "Yes, thank you. We had a great meeting with your staff."



we are working with Phelps	
N/A	

This question was answered by Adel via telephone

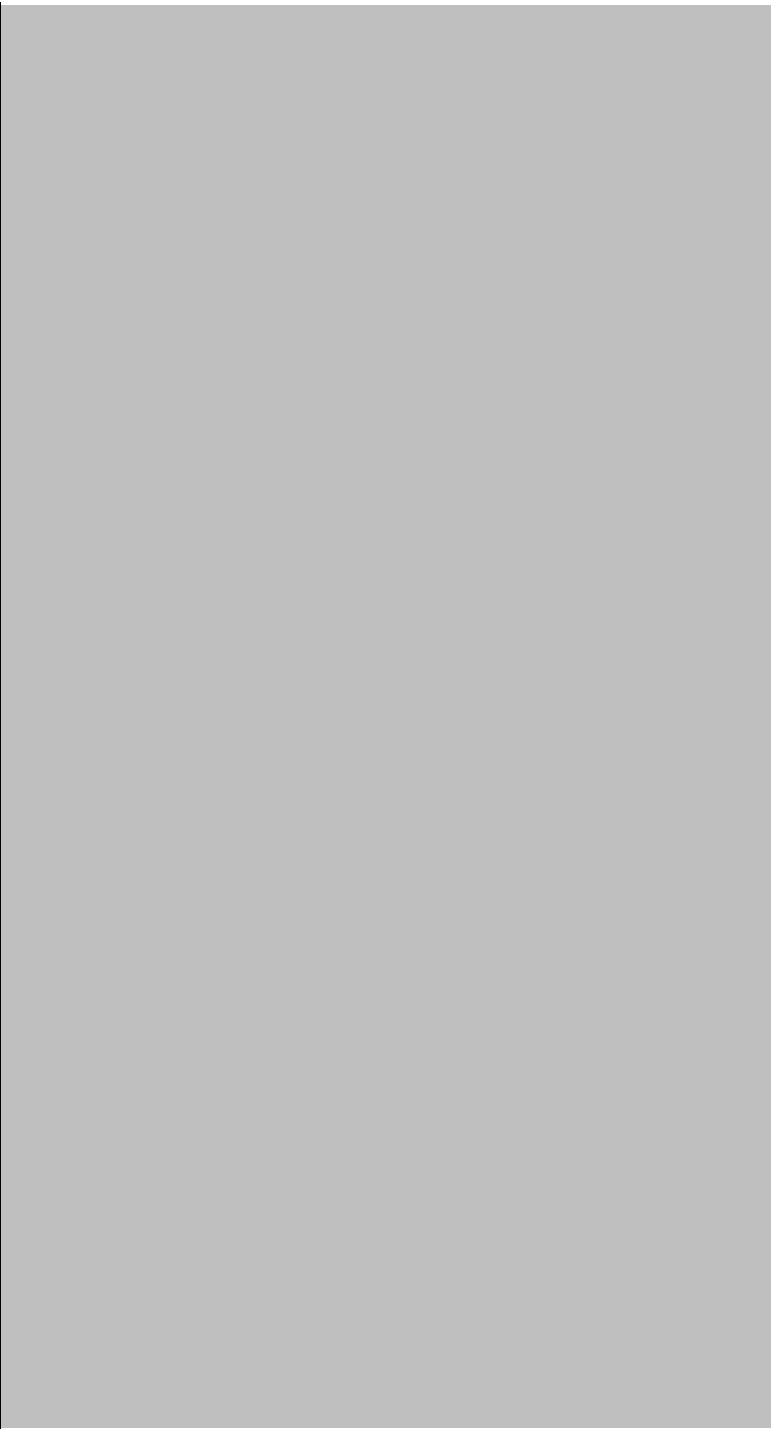
Paso Robles will receive monies without having to compete.
The monies distributed are based on population



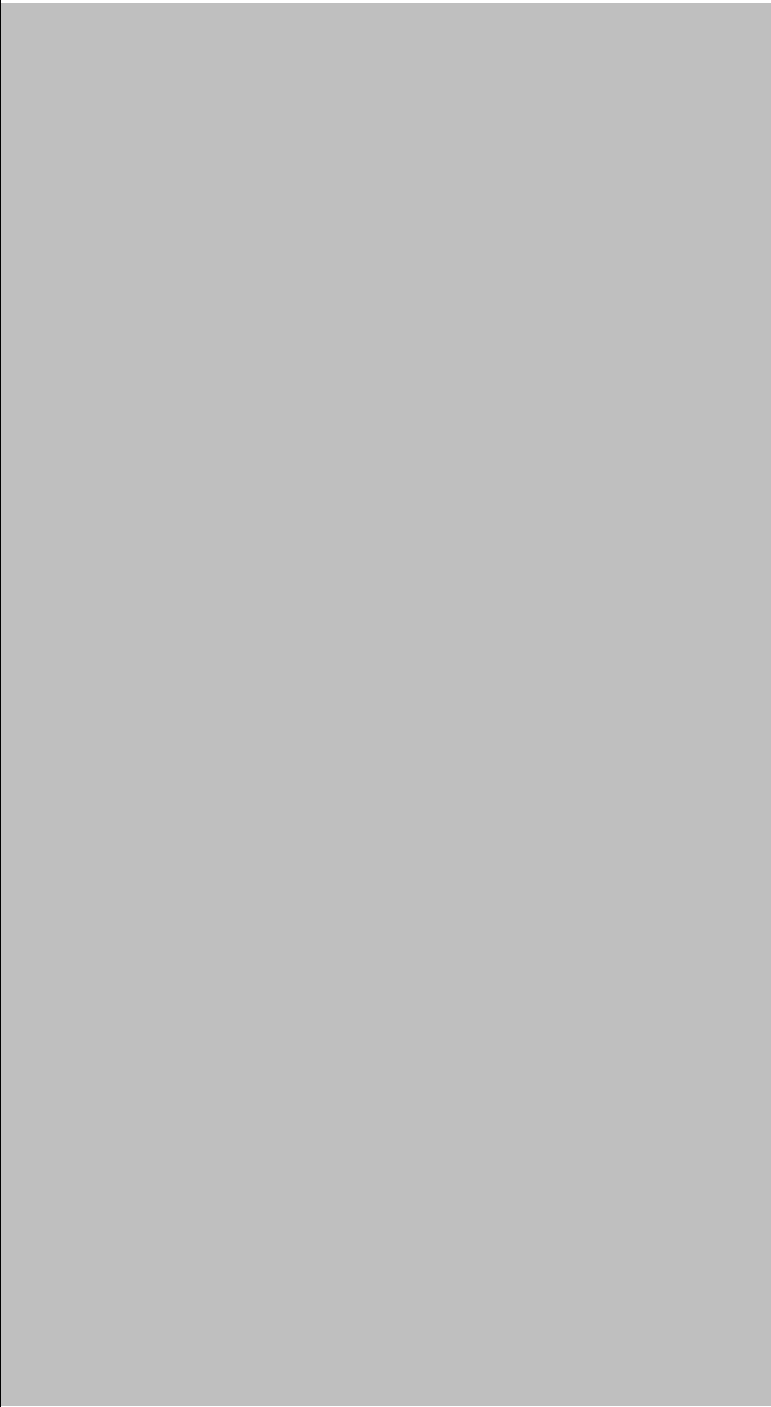
<div>The city of Wildomar's population was changed to 23,554. This information was published by the Southern California League of Cities. Per the League, this figure was provided by Wildomar as the population at the time of incorporation. Meniffee hasn't complained at all, as far as we know.</div>



10 million source British Thermal Units (Btus) saved per year, per \$1,000 of EECBG funds spent; some of the funds may be used for Inspection and Administrative costs.
measures, in specific situations, in which we know they will be as cost-effective as our criterion. An appliance program would be a "project" which would require documentation regarding costs and energy savings. We have not yet discussed the reporting requirements that would accompany a project in which the efficiency measures (refrigerators) are mobile. We will be audited, both by the federal government and state control agencies. We will have to show that we have taken any possible opportunities for waste, fraud and abuse, into account in the program, and are working to mitigate any chance of these phenomena. We have never been this closely monitored, and we doubt that the utilities, in their programs have been either. Thus, we would have to expand oversight for this type of program. We anticipate working with applicants, and providing technical assistance where necessary, to make sure the applications are accepted. If an application does come in that does not pass the tests, we will do what we can to help the jurisdiction either improve the application or develop another project. However, our staff and contractor resources are likely to be spread pretty thin as we get going, so jurisdictions should either ask for help now, or start their



Per the DOE these funds can not be used on Pool projects
Yes, there must be a "lead"
The Doe, or the CA DOF
We will send this deadline announcement out with the solicitation



Must be a non profit or public entity	

Amir, Adel, and Chris and John answered questions

confirmed as \$157,426. responded

Responded to directly by Mr. Sugar

N/A
Per the DOE Pool projects are prohibited. The deadline for applications will be decided in September 2009



The Energy Commission will require information on where exactly the direct purchase products will be installed, and how it will operated. On your example of induction lamps for your street lights, we just need to know fixture counts, pre and post conditions including PG&E rates and charges so we can determine cost & energy savings. Similarly, we need to know existing and proposed boiler energy data, we require that the new boiler be installed in a 24 hour facility like Burlingame Police Dept. The cost of installation of the direct purchase products can be added as long as you remain within your grant allocation.

You may request an energy audit of the city's facilities including street lighting by applying to the Energy Partnership Program:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/partnership/index.html> .
This program will help the city identify potential energy cost savings opportunities so you can use that information to apply to your \$113K grant allocation. Please email the application back to me directly (scan and email) or mail to my attention.
Please ask SCE for the last 12 month energy data for all city accounts including street lights so we can determine a baseline.
Thank you Alicia for contacting us, and please feel free to call me if you have any question or need help in anything.



If the coupled project meets the efficiency requirement of 10 million source Btus savings per year for each \$1,000 spent, it would meet the criterion.

The cost of LED fixtures vary so much between manufactures, fixture wattage, warranties, and time of purchase. However, I think for a 120 watt LED fixture should be around \$600 or so. The block grant is not coordinated with PG&E's turnkey projects or any other utility. The CEC's loan is currently at 1% for a maximum of \$3 million per application, so potentially we may be able to fund the entire installation cost.

Let's wait and see PG&E's price for LED fixtures, then we can better discuss how much loan we can provide. Do you know what is PG&E's administration cost for the "turnkey project". And what manufacture did PG&E recommends? Please call me if you have any question, and thank you for your email.

If the project can show an efficiency savings of 10 million source Btus per \$1,000.00 of EECBG monies spent, the project is eligible.

This letter is a letter of interest, to ascertain the level of anticipated participation so that we can supply the disseminate all of the funds to the cities of California. Non allocated funds will revert back to the DOE

Another copy was emailed on 8/13/09 by Amir

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The SAR single audit refers to financial and control audit, not energy audits.

Another copy was emailed on 8/13/09 by Amir

John Sugar , Deborah Godfrey are following up on this. This is a letter of interest in participation, not a letter which must be responded to in order to receive funding?

Another copy was emailed on 8/13/09 by Amir

That's not an error. The cost-effectiveness is based on source Btus. kWhs generated at the site carry a conversion rate of 3413 Btus/kWh. The conversion to source Btus is 10239 Btus/kWh.

Another copy was emailed on 8/13/09 by Amir

Responded with link to Loan app

1) An application can include several projects. The summation of the energy efficiency savings from the projects must met the requirement of 10 million source btu reduction per \$1,000 block money spent. Technically you will just apply for the project(s) but of course will be making (direct) equipment purchases in the process.

2) We do provide Energy Audits, at no cost to your city. Also your Utility most likely offers this service as well. Given the requirement of 10 million source btu reduction per \$1,000 block money spent, it would be difficult to meet this requirement and utilize block grant funds for an Energy Audit. I believe it will be difficult to use the funds to pay an outside firm to perform the audit, as it will not show direct energy efficiency savings.

Please call Adel Suleiman at 916-653-1004 if you are interested, or have questions regarding a CEC Energy Audit

3) Here is an example of the technical level of the forthcoming feasibility Study,
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/partnership/index.html>

4) The list may be expanded, but as of today we are not 100% sure that it will.

Letter followed up on by Amir

Letter was received

forwarded to B. Pennington. Heather will forward copy of grant APP to sep and EECBG

The Intent to Apply form is a letter we sent out to determine the amount of interest in the Block grant funding and to determine if we would need to make a re-allocation of funds.

Whatever funds are not distributed, will be returned to the DOE. This August 21st deadline is to ascertain the amount of interest in the program. If it appears we will have projected extra funds, we would then address the issue of how to reallocate , if possible the extra funds among the cities that are applying for the grants. Please email back if you have any further questions.

Are you referring to the Energy Partnership Program website?
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/partnership/index.html>

If so, please scroll down to the very bottom of the webpage for a link titled Guide to Preparing Feasibility Studies for Energy Efficiency Projects. Please note, this guide is what our engineering consultants use when preparing studies under the Energy Partnership Program. The attached is an example of a recent study conducted for your jurisdiction under this program.

The Applications are not yet available. Sent Amir request to forward ecopy of letter. I sent an ecopy of Intent Letter, and notified her to send back as soon as possible, and that the grant would not be forfeited if she missed the 21st deadline.

Amir sent form on 8/17/09

Shafter's Intent Form was received

forwarded to Adel

Referring to August 21 deadline. Lawndale City's Letter of Intent was received.

Adel spoke with emily, we are following up to ensure all cities recive there Letters.

Jurisdictions may either just respond that they will apply, or they may note on their reply that they are part of a partnership.... if they note who the partnership lead organization is, that makes it easier for us. The direct DOE funding is controlled by the federal legislation that established the program. It allows funds to be spent in a number of areas, including for solar projects. Funds that the Energy Commission is administering are controlled by both the federal language, and state law (AB2176, 2008). That law requires that funds be spent for energy efficiency grants. State budget bill trailer language allows funds to also be spent for "climate change planning". Federal law allows the funds to be spent for an energy efficiency and conservation strategy development. The Energy Commission has not tried to reconcile this language. Since we have little time to get funding encumbered for the formula grant program for small cities and counties, the Energy Commission continues to focus on energy efficiency. Some funds will remain in the program after the formula program applications are funded. The Energy Commission may undertake a competitive program for these funds. That program may include climate change planning. The Commissioners have not decided. In the Block Grant Program, planning may be part of a future competitive program. That is not yet defined. It appears that \$10 - \$12 Million will remain after the formula grants are made. Planning is not currently part of the Energy

Amir sent new ecopy of form to Susan

forwarded to Amir for an emailing. Asurred Paso Robles, they will not forfeit funding.

established procurement practices and are encouraged to maximize the use of competition to the greatest extent possible. There are no restrictions if the jurisdiction's own staff can install the equipment, assuming they have the ability and
Replied
forwarded to Amir for an emailing. Asurred Paso Robles, they will not forfeit funding. Received Letter of Intent from Amir
forwarded to Sherry for follow-up on SAR
Replied that pdf is satisfactory, please send both.
Received an ecopy of letter and returned completed form



N/A

I don't see why they couldn't use their funds for this facility once they do legally own the facility. If escrow closes in December, they should be able to meet the timeframes established by EECBG.

Replied that pdf is satisfactory, please send both.

Received an ecopy of letter

Approximately 90 days after solicitation is released on or about 9/30/09

1. Cities/counties may not designate their funding to another entity other than designating an eligible collaborative lead agency to apply for the funds on their behalf. 2. Cities/counties may propose a project that benefits a school district within their jurisdiction. Grant awards under EECBG must be administered by the eligible city/county or designated public agency/non profit entity.

We are still working on getting it online

Needs Answer

Hello, the solicitation has not been sent out yet. It will probably be sent out in late September. I will have our staff send you an e-copy of the Letter of Intent, please send it back as soon as possible. If you mis the 21st deadline, you will not lose your funds. The intent letter is for the SMALL cities and counties. It is anticipated that the solicitation for this program will be released in September after the guidelines have been formally adopted.

The following is a copy of the intent letter and includes a form that should be complete and returned to our office.

You may request an energy audit of the town's facilities by applying to the Energy Partnership Program:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/partnership/index.html>
Amir



N/A

referred to Adel

An ecopy was sent and comp[leted and returned
If the water conservation project can show an energy savings of minimum savings of 10 million source btus savings per \$1,000.00 spent in grant funds, it is an eligible project.
Notified to send again. Email works fine.
Typical process under grant awards is reimbursement in arrears for actual costs incurred. However, the Energy Commission is looking into the option and requirements of providing some limited advanced funds in certain instances. Specifics will be detailed in the solicitation document expected to be released in mid to late September.
Yes



Forwarded to Deb. Will follow up today

We want them bu Aug 21, this date has past, so ASAP

N/A

forwarded to Sherry for follow-up on SAR 8/24/09

You can add the kWh savings and the therms savings together. For example: If an HVAC upgrade would result in a 50 kWh savings and 20 therms savings, then the calculation is as follows: Savings = (50 kWh x 10,239 btu) + (20 therms x 100,000 btu) = 2,511,950 btu's

Forwarded to Sherry 8/24/09

Answered

Forwarded to Sherry 8/24/09

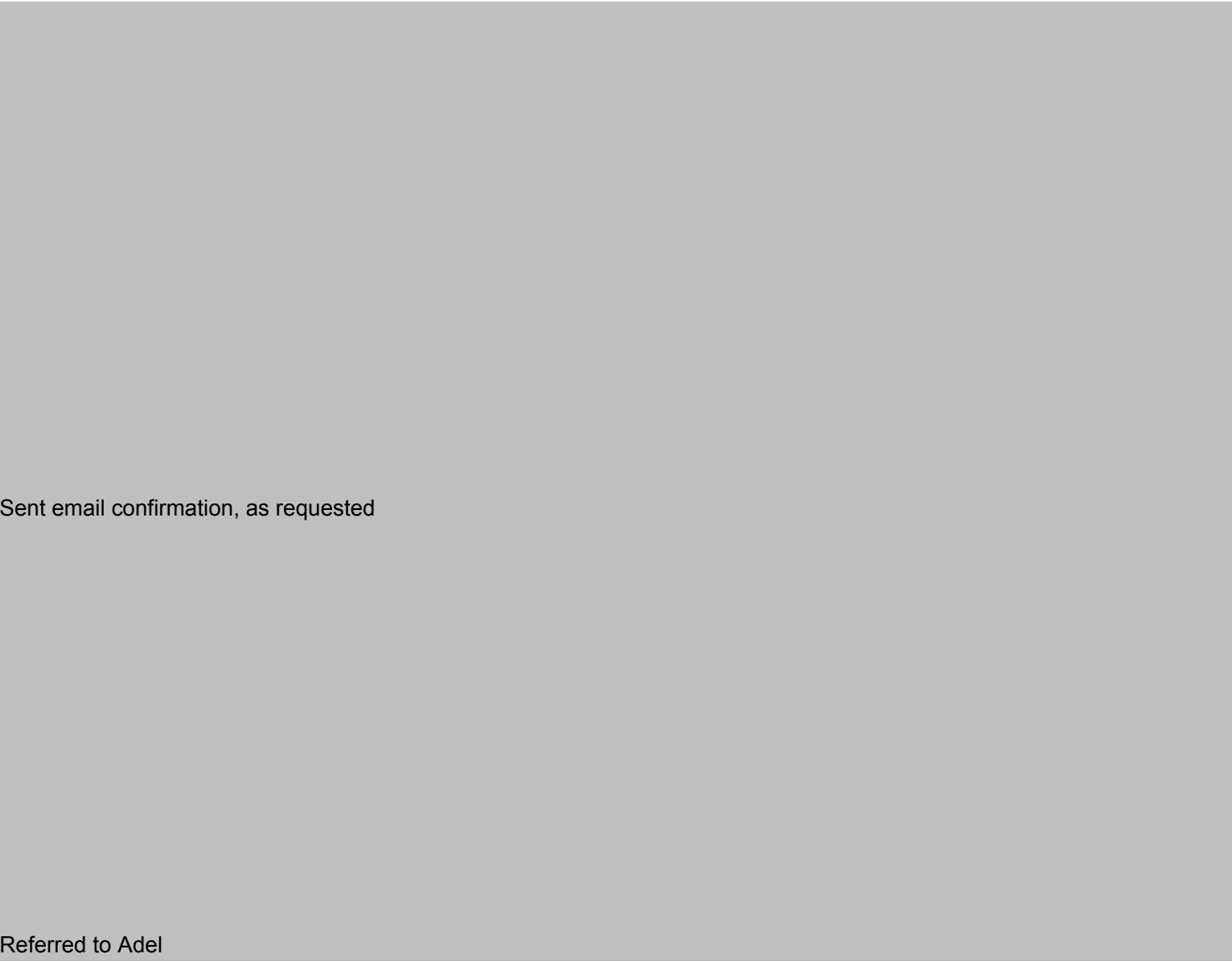
The unchecked box will not be a problem, since they are filing with the SCO

Items/measures on the direct purchase list are deemed to be energy efficient. A feasibility study is not required. Reporting requirements will still apply: we'll need to know where they're going.

In addition, this list is not all inclusive. If a jurisdiction has a item not on the list, they can initiate discussions with us and the item may be placed on the list or allowed under the direct purchase option.

Referred Steve to Adel, I ended up talking to John Butler about our program today.

Yes, that should be acceptable.



Sent email confirmation, as requested

Referred to Adel

referred to EPP feasibility, flowing up with John B refarding posting.

Sent a link to EPP feasibility study link

The Goleta Union school District can be the lead applicant.
the monies will be allocated to the City and and the City can
authorize for the School District to utilize all of the monies for
EE upgrades for buildings owned by the School District or
Water District.

Forwarded to Stephanie; I responded, it has been received

Sent Greg link to Guidelines and my phone number for
further questions.

Small cities and counties (as subrecipients) will have a responsibility to report to the CEC in accordance with the soon to be finalized terms and conditions of the funding awards. None of our subrecipients should ever report directly back to OMB on the 1512 reporting requirements.

For contractors, we will be reporting on theme as vendors. However, once again, CEC will be aggregating/approving the data and submitting it to the CAAT, which will then be uploaded to OMB.

Sent a link to EPP feasibility study link

No a sample will not be posted until the final is achieved

Sent email stating about 9/30/09

Currently, the sample feasibility study for our current Energy Partnership Program, located at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-400-2009-010/CEC-400-2009-010.PDF> reflects the expected technical level of the feasibility studies for the Block Grants. I will get back to you regarding the posting of a sample on your site as soon as possible.

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Email stating 9/30/09

Forwarded to Adel

Yes, and further response was given regarding specific drives

The direct equipment purchase must be used in accordance with the parameters specified in Attachment B of the revised guidelines. These revised guidelines, posted yesterday, can be found at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-150-2009-002/CEC-150-2009-002-CMF-REV1.PDF> As long as the requirements in attachment B are met, there should be no issues in implementing these measures in a residential or commercial EE and conservation program.

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-150-2009-002/CEC-150-2009-002-CMF-REV1.PDF>

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Yes on the list.

No, they will not need to re-submit

Forwarded to Adel

Feb 15 is final, but we want ASAP

Have requested she submit request fr study, this was submitted and forwarded to Adel; Adel sent appropriate paperwork. Confirmed receipt of Letter of Intent. AB811 question is being looked into by Deb G.

Thank you for the follow up. I was able to find the information.
Thanks again for all of your assistance.
Have a great day!

yes correct as long as does not exceed \$300/hp

Sent link to att. A

Yes

Sent email inquiring if he refers to public or private

W

awaiting response from Adel

W

Stephanie will respond: The applicant authorizing resolution should be included with the application if at all possible. However, applications will not be rejected if it is not included. The resolution will need to be provided prior to issuing a funding award.

However, for collaborative applications, resolutions from each eligible city/county participating in the collaborative application MUST be provided at the time of application in order for the Energy Commission to confirm whether the applicant has the proper authority to apply on their behalf. Applications not containing these resolutions will indeed be rejected and not processed until those have been received.

W

Projects relating to pool and or pool structures will not be allowed due to Federal Guidelines

W

Question was cut off, however notified that we do not need exhibit 3 with direct purchase W

Requested more information on whether one or two projects W

[REDACTED]

I have not received notification of an EECBG NEPA categorical exclusion, though it is possible that DOE will issue such an exclusion.

Linear LED lamp replacement for a T-8 fluorescent system is not allowed under the EECBG program or our loan programs. Linear LED lamps have lower lumens per watt (less light output) so potentially you might create a situation where the light levels fall below the recommendations on the Illuminating and Engineering Society of North America (IESNA), and below the California Energy Commission's Title 24 mandate. Another issue is cost effectiveness, linear LED lamps are very expensive (\$50 - \$100) per lamp versus \$3 for a T-8 lamp. Both the Direct Purchase Equipment Option or the Project Option under the EECBG program will not accept a linear LED retrofit project.

No on direct purchase vendor suggestion 10% is Fed can be used for admin and reporting. EPP can be used to determine project. All answers supplied . She is happy.

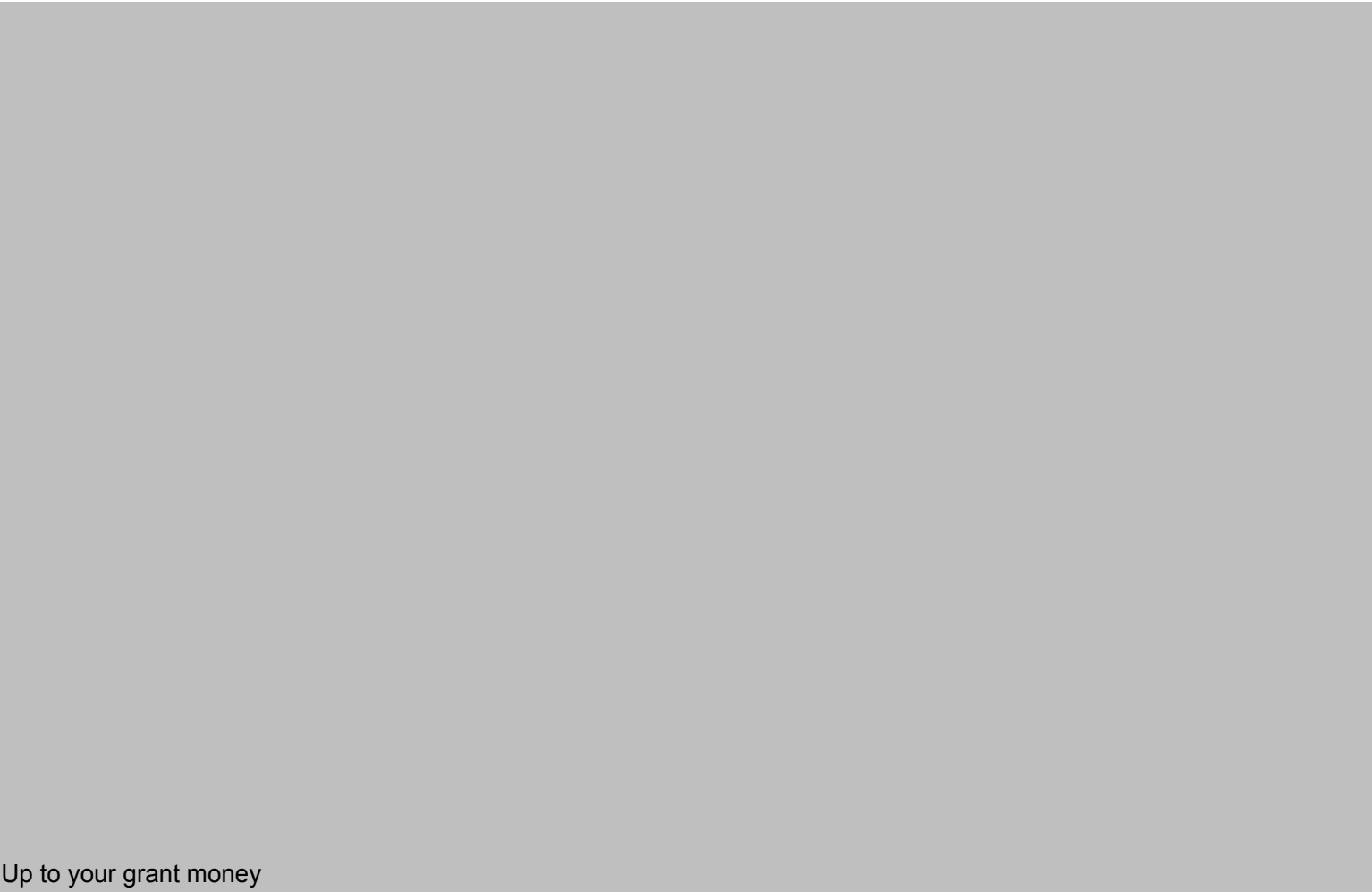
Answer 1: A jurisdiction may use either all or a portion of their funds for a municipal financing program. Answer 2: The resolution must be from a "large" jurisdiction that is partnering in the financing district. For the purposes of EECBG, a large jurisdiction is a city or county that was eligible for EECBG funding directly from the DOE



Forwarded to Adel

We sent new email reflecting correct amount: "Though we failed to correct Exhibit 1 in the EECBG Grant Solicitation and Application Package, we are aware that the City's funding allocation is greater than \$25,000. On September 22 we sent the following letter to Mayor Jernigan informing him of the error. The City's allocation is \$82,126."

Need to follow up with John Butler Also stated to ask at the
22nd Workshop and sent link to 22nd workshop



Up to your grant money

Because T5s are not on the list, the applicant will need to calculate the energy savings for the project. This can be a simple calculation using an Excel spreadsheet.

The analysis should include:

- Existing/Proposed # of fixtures
- Existing/Proposed wattage per fixture
- Existing/Proposed operating hours
- Utility rate schedule and energy cost used to calculate savings
- Implementation cost f it's not on the list, then it must be submitted as an energy efficiency project and accompanied by a feasibility study...

The attachments are located at
http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/PON_400-09-401/attachments/

the writing is intended as a guide for format. Please enter your project specific information.

Correct, if the City is listed as exampt or no review or accepted, no additional paperwork is rrequired for the single Audit requirement.

No this will not cause any problems, please feel free to call
Chris Scott

An energy balance is not needed in this case

The attachments are located at:
[http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/EECBG_application/attac
hments/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/EECBG_application/attachments/)

By the application

Awaiting further clarification on the amount of teaching requirements. She is working with John Sugar on this
Sent link to:
http://www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/documents/2009-10-22_workshop/presentations/

According to the approved list of the lighting product in the Direct Purchase option, CFL's are not allowed. In addition, some of the labor costs exceeds the allowable 50% of the total cost.

\$2,500/ one million BTU is how much they can charge against their allocation regardless of the cost of the condensing boiler. A 200,000 BTU will qualify for a \$500 grant. The \$1,000/ ton requiremebt still applies

Q: For Direct Purchase, the location of use needs to be within the city or county limits, and the equipment must be from the approved list only. Deviation from the approved list has to go to EE Project Option

Yes, the inclusion of CFLs requires a feasibility study.

For question 1, I believe that the city needs pay prevailing wages to the temporary employee to install the energy efficiency projects. Temporary employee is treated as independent contractors so their insurance costs are covered for doing the project for the federal government. The local jurisdictions can use their staff to install the energy efficiency project because their insurance costs are covered in their benefit package. creates tremendous amount of CEC staff work and hassle to set this up and we need to run the agreement by the legal office on a case by case basis. It may open up a flood gate of requests. We do not have the time to do this. What the city can do is to finish the project in stages, submit the invoice with their progress report as soon as they finish a project, we can process the invoice ASAP so they can get reimbursed quickly. 2. Advanced payment to the lead representative agent can only be arranged if there is special hardship and needs. It The CEQA compliance is reviewed on a "project" basis, not on a building by building basis. A project could include "HVAC" and "lighting projects" or multiple small projects. However, the CEQA compliance language needs to be inserted in the city or county resolution individually. If the city or county already considered the CEQA compliance in the resolution, it will be okay with us. If the same project triggers NEPA or historical building or landmark review, they need to submit to the proper authority for additional approval. (Joseph Wang) 3. The CEQA compliance questions can be sent to me. Question 4, if a project calculation for one of the projects is incomplete, we will work with them until the information is complete. If they prefer, we can process the

cc John Adel is
S calling

requested clarification. The signal timing may refer to signal modules.

1) Yes you can preform the work in house and show the labor hours in your budget.

2) I need a little more information on this environmental control system to determine the eligibility. If it reduces HVAC operating hours or reduce the energy use by programming in a set- back schedule, then it is eligible equipment. If it is only an environmental monitoring device, it is not eligible.

3) We are unable to change the Direct purchase Option Equipment List

4) Yes, this is correct.

5) Yes this is correct.

Adel and Joseph talked to Chris

Our grant funds are for retrofit projects only. There is no energy savings for a new piece of equipment since there was no old unit to compare with.

In this case, we can only fund the renovation under the direct purchase option. The city can use CEQA exemption for this project.

If the city wants to pursue the energy efficiency option for the new building, they need to do a T24 compliance calculation for the minimum efficiency case and the proposed high efficiency case. We will fund the project based on energy savings up to the amount meeting the 10 mmBtu/\$1000 spent standard.

Sent Email

1 kWh saving = 10,239 Btu. If the project saves 1000 kWh, it is equivalent to $10,239 \times 1000 = 10,239,000$ or 10.2 mmBtu.

Exhibit 1 is located at : p.26 at
http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/EECBG_application/EECBG_Application_Manual_with_Exhibits.pdf

Hi, the repayment period is up to 15 years.

Please see

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/index.html#terms>

Thank you very much for your participation.

If the city resolution has the CEQA language in it, the city does not need to submit Notice of Exemption document to us.

The city does not need to do NEPA for every small project. The "project" is a compound word which includes all "small energy efficiency projects". Categorical exemption applies to the combined projects.

This means they are indeed compliant with Single Audit Act and currently are not subject to review by SCO. Thanks

The budget shown in the email is not the good way to do it.
They need to break out the material and the labor.

What we need is very simple. The contractor can give you the
rough or estimated breakdown such as

Equipment and other material: \$100,000.
Labor and engineering : 56,083

CAISO is not an eligible entity under the EECBG program (i.e., Block Grant Program). I would recommend they check the funding website for other funding solicitations (such as SEP) to determine eligibility for those programs. Thanks.

The Energy Commission anticipates about 8 weeks is needed to finalize a grant award. This timeframe will depend upon workload and resources available at the time the application is received.

If the resolution submitted with the application follows the template in Exhibit 4 of the solicitation, this resolution should suffice to execute the grant agreement without another resolution. Exhibit 4 contains language authorizing the jurisdiction to execute the grant agreement upon award

Sent to excel link and referred to Joseph

If the redirection is less than 10% of the grant award, you should be okay. Therefore, going from \$10K in the MFP to \$7K appears to be okay. Eliminating the \$10K MFP component completely appears to require a formal amendment.

- 1. For direct equipment purchases, you can have county facilities personnel to install the equipment, it does not have to be contracted out. The county staff labor cost can be included in the cost estimate. Please keep track of their rates and hours on a time sheet for future reimbursement.
- 2. Yes to both options. You can replace the existing T12 lights with a new fixture or with new electronic ballast and T8 lamps.
- 3. Any new HVAC equipment meeting today's T20 standard could be used to replace the old units.

It would be prudent to attempt to ensure all jurisdictions contained in an application are in compliance with the Single Audit Act. However, the Energy Commission would work with the Applicant should this type of issue or other issue arise. Our goal is to do everything in our power to provide this funding to eligible entities.

The Energy Commission will be processing these applications on an ongoing basis. It will take a minimum of 8 weeks for approval of an agreement. We'll be in contact with the applicant at some point during this process.

The next step is for the city to submit the application. Do you know whether Kern County pans on following the Direct Purchase Option or the Efficiency Program option? No feasibility study is required for the Direct Purchase plan.

We do have a staff that is available for a site visit and offer suggestions on projects, but we would need to know as soon as possible if you think Kern County would need our assistance. I have a contact and phone number for you if you would like me to refer you to him for specific questions regarding a site visit.

Email me back at this email account and I will try to help you anyway I am able.

Chris Scott
If you are exempt from all environmental impact categories specified in NEPA, you do not need to fill out the questionnaire in Attachment H.
Using the direct purchase option, this scenario will not qualify.
Using the project option, it may qualify if this measure is included with other measures and the total package is cost effective.

Referred to Joseph Wang

Yes, packaged units (heeting and cooling) qualify for the Direct Purchase Option, with a cap at \$1000/ ton. Yes, packaged A/C with heater qualifies for \$1000/ton plus the programmable thermostat cost (if thermostat is included in the project). If the heater portion is a new condensing furnace, it qualifies for more grant funds.

Currently we do not have a program in place for the unallocated EECBG funds. The program is being developed and criteria for propped programs reviewed. Since we are unsure at this point, of the exact program and process for the allocation of these funds, we are not yet accepting public comments for the discretionary funding. After a Business Meeting and/or public workshop, we will accept public comment at that time. You are, of course, always more than welcome to send in comments or a show of support for your city's ideas suggestions on how the funds should be allocated.

If the jurisdiction is using direct equipment purchase, please ignore the \$550 we used for street light retrofit project. That cost is what we got from several LED and induction light vendors. In this case we are off by a big margin.

If the city wants to go with this quote, just fill out Attachment B form and write down the cost from the quote and it is done. If the city wants to get another quote, they might get a cheaper option.

With respect to the energy saving calculation, CEC will do the calculation for the city.

Ultimately, the City is responsible to work with the CEC for all paperwork and processes
We can accept the 2002 study.

However, I would encourage them to update the energy savings and project costs to get an idea how much they have increased to date.

If they are using the old study, they might short change themselves on the project cost.

Yes, as long as the cost of the system does not exceed \$1,000/ton

Yes, this would qualify as a direct purchase equipment task under Light, number 6 of the Direct Equipment Purchase List.

Without knowing the specifics of the project, it is difficult to tell whether this language will work and difficult to recommend any language changes. However, I suspect this will most likely suffice. I recommend they proceed to get their approvals and submit their application as soon as possible. Thanks.

Greetings EECBG Staff,

I am in the process of writing the EECBG for the City of Goleta. We are applying through the direct equipment purchase route. We are looking to replace roadway intersection lights in the City with efficient LED lights. I just received a price quote and the lights each cost. \$958 dollars plus \$75 to install. We have chosen this specific lamp because Southern California Edison has approved this lamp for a \$.11/kWh saved rebate. This rebate will probably come to about \$100 per lamp.

I am unclear the purpose of the Direct Equipment Purchase List Cost Effectiveness Calculation sheet which I have attached. Is the CEC just trying to exemplify to applicants how they came to the conclusion that these replacements were cost effective? Can we ask for around \$900 to \$1000 to replace a street lamp when the calculation sheet only allocates \$550 grant money?

Sincerely,

Yes, the funding allocations listed in Exhibit 1 already have the unemployment factor incorporated.

The calculations are posted on our website. Please go to:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/recovery.html#eecbg>

The file you are looking for is named "Direct Equipment
Purchase List Cost-Effectiveness Calculator."

For us to be able to fund projects, they need to show energy
savings. Since there is no existing energy use for installing
new lights, those projects do not qualify.

Yes, EECBG could be used for a PV project if the city would fund the project cost over the EECBG grant amount. However, the city needs to do the energy efficiency projects option and a project must include a feasibility study.

-----UPDATE-----

Someone told me that if a PV project is the only project you are planning on doing, then it may not qualify as "energy efficiency" project since a PV project is more of a renewable energy project. I will get a clarification on this and will let you know as soon as possible.

-----UPDATE2-----

PV only projects would not qualify as they do not meet the definition of energy efficiency as required by AB 2176 for EECBG. However, PV coupled with efficiency projects would qualify assuming they meet the 10 MMBtu/\$1,000 cost effectiveness criterion. If they use the money to make the other facilities more energy efficient, they can reduce the size of the PV system, so it would do them more good in an efficiency project than trying to use it to pay for PVs.

If you are exempt from all environmental impact categories specified in NEPA, you do not need to fill out the questionnaire in Attachment H.

City of Carlsbad is not on our eligible list.
This grant is only available to small cities with populations less than 35,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000.

Yes, please submit the Attachment C with due dates specific to your project. I know it is hard to determine due dates when you do not know when you can start the project. Please estimate with the best of your knowledge, and if the dates need to be changed, we will work with you to modify them.

If a project is exempt under CEQA, then you can skip the item #4 and 5 on Attachment F. However, you would still need to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) and submit a copy of the NOE to us along with Attachment F.

- PV does not meet the definition of energy efficiency. State law (AB 2176) requires the Commission to fund cost-effective energy efficiency projects. However, PV coupled with efficiency projects would qualify assuming they meet the 10 MMBtu/\$1,000 cost effectiveness criterion.

- This e-mail address is the main contact point for questions.

- Could you be more specific about what type of resources you are looking for?

You can drop one of your projects as long as the total cost-effectiveness meets our standard. If possible, it would be good to have the scope of work finalized at time of award. However, if a change of scope is necessary, we will work with Recipients as necessary.

The draft terms and conditions (Term #8) addresses the process associated with amendments of existing agreements in case you are interested in the requirements.

I had our program supervisor, John Butler, review your resolution, and we think it looks fine. Please proceed with this resolution and apply as soon as possible.

There is no specific requirement on the signature. I recommend the City have the most appropriate person who is authorized to sign the form.

There is no specific requirement on the signature. I recommend the City have the most appropriate person who is authorized to sign the form.

Yes, we have received it. You will be contacted if we need further information.

The title of the solicitation is EECBG Small City and County Grant Program. Since this is a state solicitation, there is no CFDA number on this solicitation. CFDA is a federal tracking number.

However, our state solicitation contains federal funds which were authorized under the following federal solicitation:

CFDA 81.128, titled "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)"

The guidelines require a small jurisdiction to partner with a large one.

Regarding the prevailing wage question, if you are sure that your project will not employ workers who are covered by DBA/prevailing wage requirements, then you would check "No" for the item #5 on the cover letter.

1) Question 8: Accounts refer to how cities/counties track this award as well as all other funding they administer. It is not necessarily a specific bank account; however, their accounting ledgers are in fact tracked and reconciled in a way that provides a clear audit trail for specific projects/funding sources.

2) Question 12: Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) require consistent treatment of like costs. For example, when spreading indirect costs among various projects/funding sources, it is important that indirect is spread among the various activities in a consistent manner (i.e., one project is not undercharged while another is overcharged to recover indirect costs). This is just one example. Another example is that if a certain item of cost is deemed an indirect cost, it is always charged indirectly and never charged directly to any given project. Once again, this is simply being consistent in accounting practices.

Attachment H is still "if necessary." But please make sure that you fill out Attachment G, which is necessary. I am sorry that the e-blast caused confusion.

We do not have a central contact point by phone. This e-mail address is the main contact point. The EECBG staff is busy and often not at his/her desk and your voice message may not be heard for several days. But someone is monitoring this EECBG e-mail daily, so this is the quickest way to get your questions answered.

I asked our technical expert and program expert about the rebate matter, and they both have never heard that the EECBG grant invalidates the solar rebates. But since the California Solar Rebate program is administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), I would advise you to contact the CPUC to make sure.

Regarding the 1% loan, if all our applications that are already in-house are approved, we are already over-subscribed. Because of additional NEPA and NHPA requirements we have, we have not allocated the money until they have complied with them. Once they have complied, it is first come, first served.

I would advise you to read the draft EECBG Terms and Conditions

(http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/EECBG_application/2009-11-10_Terms_and_Conditions.pdf) and the ECAA 1% loan Terms and Conditions

(www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/One_Percent_Loan_Exhibit_D.doc). Note that this 1% loan must meet both state and federal requirements. There are some jurisdictions which decided to go with the 3% loan instead after realizing all the requirements for the 1% loan.

PV only project will not work even if it meets the 10 MMBtu/\$1,000 criterion because it does not meet the energy efficiency criterion. Projects need to be prioritized based on cost-effective energy efficiency. Therefore, our number one piece of advice is to focus on energy efficiency (rather than renewable energy) projects.

New buildings are also difficult due to:

- 1) No existing baseline other than the minimum Title 24 requirements.
- 2) EECBG grant funds would only be able to reimburse for the incremental cost between the baseline (Title 24) equipment and the more energy efficient proposed equipment.

If the City has energy efficiency projects, then the remainder could be utilized for a PV project assuming the overall project meets the minimum cost effectiveness criterion.

And we will try to work with applicants before we reject their applications. However, if you have an alternative project in mind which involves energy efficiency projects in existing buildings, we highly recommend that you select those projects.

Wet signatures are preferable, if possible.

Yes, your proposed project sounds like it fits the option #10. And duct work is part of the AC system. If you can get AC system and ducts installed within \$1000/ton limit, the cost can be reimbursed including material and labor.

The solicitation number is on the cover of the solicitation. The number is PON-09-001

For the principal investigator, put the name and contact of their principal investigator (i.e., project manager).

Just to note, Attachment H is an optional form. You do not have to submit it with the application, but may need to be completed at a later date if deemed necessary.

That refers to staff time and is a general question to determine your level of internal controls. Things that we are looking for are such as: Do you have timesheets for all employees? How do you control time charged to awards such as our EECBG grant? Do you have mechanisms in place? etc.

1) We were told that you were looking for separate cost-effectiveness calculations for the DEP and MFP. Is this correct? Or do you want a cost effectiveness noted for the combined DEP and MFP?

A: We do not want you to combine cost effectiveness calculations since we are not asking for cost effectiveness calculations for Municipal Financing Programs.

2) You said that DEP projects were in essence deemed cost effective and as long as we submitted Attachment B, you were not looking for a cost effective calculation for DEP projects. Is this correct?

A: As long as you are purchasing equipment listed in Exhibit 2, you are not required to submit a cost effectiveness calculation.

3) And as for the MFP, you indicated that you did not expect the MFP to meet the cost-effective criteria you are requiring for the EEP. Is this correct?

A: We are not asking for cost effectiveness calculations for Municipal Financing Programs. We are asking each jurisdiction to submit an explanation of how/why this program would be cost effective. By law, we are required to provide funding for cost-effective projects.

4) We were told that for the MFP you want to receive

Please refer to Page 14 for required forms. Authorizing resolution is required.

In your case, please send in your completed application without the resolution and follow up with the resolution as soon as possible. A resolution is necessary prior to approval of the project.

1) Yes, in your case, please send in your completed application without the resolution and follow up with the resolution as soon as possible. A resolution is necessary prior to approval of the project.

2) If you are going to use in-house staff for upgrading light fixtures, then prevailing wages requirements do not apply.

1) The city does not need to identify the make and model No. of the HVAC systems. We need the size (kW or tons, or hp) and the efficiency for the proposed project. This information is needed for us to calculate direct equipment purchase program energy savings.

2) For wall HVAC system replacement, the city can lump the same size of AC together (12 units at 5 ton each) or add the total tonnage in a room then state separate tonnage in a note. For example, there are 10 ton ACs (Two 1-ton ACs installed in 1990, Two 4-ton ACs and One 4-ton AC installed in 1985) in Building 8. These will be replaced with a new 10 ton AC (Two 5 ton central system SEER 14) system. If the city does not know the SEER or EER rating for the AC units, you can give us the year the unit was installed, we can find the SEER rating for them. Please note that if the AC size is increased, there is no energy savings for the city and the EECBG program.

1. You can build in a percentage buffer of 10% for unforeseen circumstances. The ginal award can not exceed your allocation. However , if your estimates come in under this allocation amount, you include this contingency buffer. Referred to Joseph Wang.

2.
When utilize your contact information as an alternate. Chris Scott has the information for this special circumstance.

Matthew,

The particular city or county should follow its ordinary procedures for the bidding process. You can enter into multi bidding or sole source contracts.