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Staff Workshop on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Funding Allocation from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct workshops throughout the state for **small cities and counties** to discuss the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (Block Grant) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The workshops for small cities and counties include program description and objectives, funding sources, United States Department of Energy (DOE) and state legislative guidance, application process, specific program options, timelines for providing input into developing guidelines, and information sharing on partnership opportunities and technical assistance needs.

These workshops will inform the various stakeholders, specifically small cities and counties, of the Block Grant program elements and objectives, application processes, and timelines for developing guidelines and to afford opportunities for input. Specific program proposals, more detailed than in previous workshops, will be discussed to better understand the opportunities and issues with these proposals. Commission staff wants to understand how small jurisdictions plan to apply and use the funds. All six workshops will follow the same agenda and address the same topics.

NO RESERVATION IS NECESSARY—SAME AGENDA FOR ALL WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009	MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. SHASTA COLLEGE 1400 Market Street, Room #8220 Health Sciences and University Center Redding, CA 96001 -----	1 p.m. – 3 p.m. EUREKA CITY HALL 531 "K" Street Eureka City Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor Eureka, CA 95501 -----
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS 4080 Lemon Street 1 st Floor Riverside, CA 92501 -----	1 p.m. – 3 p.m. TENTH STREET PLACE CHAMBERS 1010 10th Street Modesto, CA 95354 -----
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Justice Joseph A. Rattigan State Building 50 D Street Room 410 Santa Rosa, CA 95404	1 p.m. – 3 p.m. MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE 980 Fremont Street Lecture Forum 102 Monterey, CA 93940

(All locations are Wheelchair Accessible)

The Energy Commission is receiving \$49.6 million for the Block Grant program through the ARRA. At least 60 percent of the funds from the program are to fund activities in small cities with populations less than 35,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000. Large cities and counties will apply directly to DOE for Block Grant funding with an application deadline of June 25, 2009.

Purpose

Staff will discuss DOE and state legislative guidance on funding, scope of program, and disbursing funds allocated to the State of California through the ARRA-related Block Grant funds.

The workshops will present a preliminary timeline for developing guidelines on program activities and project areas to be funded through the 60 percent small city and county allocation and also explore options for the remaining 40 percent the Energy Commission can use for broader energy-related activities.

Energy Commission staff will discuss:

- opportunities for, and roles of, partnerships among jurisdictions to develop projects for funding.
- criteria for dividing small jurisdiction funding into separate allocations. These may include reserving funds for jurisdictions based on size, location or geographic diversity and economic situation.
- the need for and availability of technical assistance to identify and develop information to submit projects for funding.
- the role of low interest Commission loans as a match for grant funds.
- unique challenges to program participation that jurisdictions may face.

A detailed agenda will be provided in advance of all workshops and will be available online at www.energy.ca.gov/recovery.

Background

The ARRA will provide \$787 billion nationally in economic investment to jump start the economy and create jobs for Americans.

The Energy Commission is administering two programs, the State Energy Program for approximately \$226 million and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for approximately \$49.6 million. A third program, the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program estimated at approximately \$30 million will be announced by DOE at a later time.

In addition, there is more than \$37 billion available nationwide that the United States Department of Energy (DOE) will administer through competitive grants and other financing for energy and climate change related programs. The Energy Commission will work with

other state agencies, utilities, and public and private entities to identify ways to leverage these funds for California projects.

Please note that other workshops will focus on guidelines and funding criteria for the State Energy Program (SEP) and the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. This workshop will focus specifically on Block Grant funds for small cities with a population less than 35,000 and counties with a population less than 200,000. If you have not yet signed up for the Energy Commission's list server on the recovery program please do so at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/recovery\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery).

Written Comments

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's name in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [\[eeecbg@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:eeecbg@energy.state.ca.us).

Written comments may be submitted before and after the workshops by 5 p.m. on June 18, 2009. Comments on paper should be hand delivered or mailed to:

California Energy Commission
Special Projects Office, MS-23
Re: Energy Block Grant Workshop
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

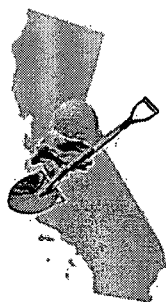
Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [\[PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us). Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Mail Lists: Recovery List Server

Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.



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**June 5, 2009 – Redding (Remote Attendance available via WebEx), Riverside, and
Santa Rosa**

June 8, 2009 – Eureka, Modesto, and Monterey

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Please note that all workshops will cover the same agenda

AGENDA

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| 1) Welcome and Introductions | 10 Minutes |
| 2) Outline of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program | 15 minutes |
| a. Federal Requirements | |
| b. State Requirements | |
| c. Cost-Effective Efficiency Project Examples | |
| d. Schedule | |
| e. Questions | |
| 3) Program Design Elements | 25 minutes |
| a. Focus on Energy Efficiency | |
| b. Addressing Economic/Geographic Diversity | |
| c. Technical Assistance Opportunities | |
| d. Opportunities to Leverage Funding | |
| e. Role of Partnerships and Collaborative Efforts | |
| f. Simplifying Applications | |
| g. Questions | |
| 4) Questions of Workshop participants | 60 minutes |
| a. Does your jurisdiction have energy reduction projects identified to be funded? | |
| i. At what stage of development are any project proposals? | |
| ii. Do the proposals have match funding? | |
| b. What challenges would limit your jurisdiction's participation in this program? | |



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- c. How can the Commission best “Level the Playing Field” for small and/or economically challenged jurisdictions?
- d. Is your jurisdiction part of a partnership that could apply for funding?
 - i. How can the Energy Commission best encourage partnerships among small jurisdictions?
- e. What minimum funding amount could your jurisdiction use to achieve meaningful results?
- f. Does your jurisdiction plan to work with larger jurisdictions receiving direct awards from the Department of Energy?
- g. Has your jurisdiction considered a local efficiency financing program for property owners?

5) Wrap up and next steps

10 minutes