



California Energy Commission

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CALIFORNIA AWARDED STATE ENERGY PROGRAM FUNDING

The California Energy Commission has received the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) nod for the State Energy Program application the agency submitted in May. The \$90.4 million allocation is for a statewide effort to leverage funds for an energy efficiency retrofit program and cost effective clean energy systems for residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and facilities. The program will also invest in green workforce training, creating more jobs focused on energy efficiency and clean energy sources including solar and wind.

California initially was allocated (but has not yet received) 10 percent of the \$226 million to support SEP planning activities. After demonstrating successful implementation of its plan, the state will receive the remaining funding, for a total of \$226 million for the entire program. The California Energy Commission is developing the SEP guidelines and will present these draft guidelines during public workshops in July. The state application process is not available yet.

The Commission's application to DOE is available at: www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/sep.html

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ENERGY COMMISSION FILES EECBG APPLICATION TO FEDS

California Energy Commission filed the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants application to the U.S. Department of Energy that will provide funding to small cities and counties. The application focuses on financial and technical assistance to:

1. Implement cost-effective energy efficiency retrofits;
2. Identify eligible cost effective efficiency measures; and/or
3. Develop and implement financial incentive programs for energy efficiency that will provide lasting benefits into the future.

The Energy Commission is in the process of developing the EECBG guidelines and will hold workshops to discuss these proposed guidelines on July 14 & 15. The state application process is not available yet.

The application to the DOE is available at: www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html.

SAVE THE DATE - BLOCK GRANT WORKSHOPS

To Discuss Draft EECBG Guidelines - Same agenda for all workshops

- July 14, 2009 - San Diego (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)
- July 15, 2009 - Santa Ana and Redding (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

The Energy Commission will host the same workshop in three locations to discuss the proposed draft EEBG Guidelines. These draft Guidelines will be available soon and posted at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html).

The ListServer subscribers will receive notice when they are available online.

ENERGY PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Looking for a thumbnail update on the energy-related programs receiving federal stimulus funding? Check out the weekly updated Summary at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/documents/FUNDING_SUMMARY.PDF\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/documents/FUNDING_SUMMARY.PDF) (PDF file).

UPDATE - SOLICITATIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smart Grid: DOE issued the final Funding Opportunity Notices for \$3.9 billion to invest in Smart Grid and transmission technologies: Smart Grid Investment (DE-FOA-0000058) and Smart Grid Demonstrations (DE-FOA-0000036). More information available at: [\[www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm\]](http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm).

Green Job Training: Department of Labor announced five Funding Opportunity Notices:

- \$50 million for State Labor Market Information Improvement
- \$100 million for Energy Training Partnerships
- \$150 million for Pathways Out of Poverty
- \$190 million for State Energy Sector Partnerships and Training
- \$5 million for Green Capacity Building.

Applications are due for the various FOAs between August 5 to October 20, 2009.
[\[http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090725.htm\]](http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090725.htm)

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