



Charlotte Stimulus Information

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\$6.7 Million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

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We have received notice today that Charlotte is eligible to receive \$6,780,100 in funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Mecklenburg County is eligible for \$649,500. The Town of Huntersville is eligible for \$175,000. The funding time frame is 3 years, with all funding to be committed within 18 months.

The purpose of the EECBG Program is to assist communities by:

1. Reducing fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities in a manner that is environmentally sustainable; and to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;
2. Reducing the total energy use
3. Improving energy efficiency in the transportation sector; the building sector; and other appropriate sectors
4. To spur economic growth and create and/or retain jobs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

What specific activities are eligible for use of funds?

Funds can be used community wide, not only for government owned facilities and infrastructure. The Major component of the program is the development of an **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy**. This will be required for future approval of projects under this grant.

- Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy.
- Residential and commercial building energy audits.
- Financial incentive programs and mechanisms for energy efficiency improvements such as energy savings performance contracting, on-bill financing, and revolving loan funds.
- Grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits.
- Energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities.
- Development and implementation of transportation programs to conserve energy.
- Building codes and inspections to promote building energy efficiency.
- Energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency.
- Material conservation programs including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency.
- Reduction and capture of methane and greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar waste-related sources.
- Energy efficient traffic signals and street lighting.
- Renewable energy technologies on government buildings.

The deadline to apply:

The application due date for cities and counties, is June 25, 2009.

We will provide more information to Council as we review the federal regulations which have just been received.

Please do not reply; email for information only. For questions contact staff resource.