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Sen. Dutton Announces \$65,000 Funding for Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Senate Republican Leader-elect Bob Dutton (Rancho Cucamonga) announced today that the town of Yucca Valley will receive a \$65,000 from the California Energy Commission to retrofit lighting and control systems and upgrade roof-counted heating, ventilating, and air conditioning units (HVAC).

"These dollars will help those living in the Yucca Valley use energy more efficiently," Senator Dutton said. "The residents will save money and energy while still maintaining comfortable indoor conditions."

The projects will reduce the town's annual energy use by an estimated 67,529 kilowatt-hours of electricity and 25 therms of natural gas. The upgraded lighting will be installed in multiple municipal buildings throughout the town. The new HVAC units will be installed in the museum and community center.

The estimated installation cost for the project is \$180,000, with \$65,000 of the funding coming from the Energy Commission Loan. Utility rebates and other grants from the United State Department of Energy will complete payment for the project.

The program requires repayment of the loan, interest and principal within 15 years. The town of Yucca Valley expects to repay the loan in about six years.