

American Recovery and Reinvestment
Act of 2009

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Application Workshop

October 22, 2009
California Energy Commission



Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview Program Solicitation
- Direct Equipment Purchases
- Efficiency Projects
- Municipal Financing Programs
- Application Attachments, Reporting Requirements and ARRA Requirements
- (We will take questions on NEPA/CEQA, Buy American and Prevailing Wage Issues)
- Questions



State Law Affecting EECBG Funds (AB 2176)

- Affects funds administered by the Energy Commission
 - Small Jurisdiction Program Funds:
 - » shall be used to provide cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation grants.
 - » shall be prioritized based on cost-effective energy efficiency.
 - » Budget trailer bill amendment to allow climate change planning



Energy Commission's EECBG Funding Allocation (\$49.6 million)

- At least \$29.8 million must be provided in grants to cities/counties not receiving a direct EECBG allocation from U.S. DOE.
- Energy Commission is committing \$35.1 million to the program
- Documents for applying are at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/recovery.html#eecbg>
- Separate documents for application and for attachments.



Local Agency Funding:

- Grant amounts are listed in the Guidelines in Attachment “A”
- For \$29.8 Million, funds must be fully encumbered by March 14, 2010, or they revert to Washington, D.C.
- All Projects must be completed by September 13, 2012.
- **No Project Extensions**
 - Funds revert to Treasury after September 13, 2012
 - All funded projects must be completed and operational by the date specified in the funding award agreement.



Program Design: Use of Funds

- Cost-Effective Energy Efficiency Projects
 - Min. of 10 million source British Thermal Units (Btus) saved per year, per \$1,000 of EECBG funds spent.
 - Feasibility study is required to verify energy savings.
- Direct Purchase Option
 - Types of energy saving equipment are specified.
 - Applications of equipment are specified in certain instances.
- Municipal Financing Programs
 - Both Small and Large Jurisdiction resolutions
 - Statements: Why program will be cost-effective, and how funds are used



Program Design: Selecting a Project or Equipment

- Energy Commission can help!
 - Staff can provide assistance over the phone, and make site visits to evaluate potential projects.
 - Energy Commission can provide energy assessments, up to \$20,000 of our consultant's cost per application.
 - Energy Commission working to allow contractors to provide specific project cost estimates
- Request assistance as soon as possible,
- <http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/partnership/index.html>



Questions?

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