

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Possible Funding Opportunities Available for Pima Association of Governments Projects

**Grant/Program:** Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

**Authorizing Agency:** The United States Department of Energy

**Authorizing Agency Contact Person:** The United States Department of Energy, Phone: (877) 337-3463

**Available Funding:** \$55.4 Million

**Distribution or Appointment of Formula:** Competitive; 68 percent of the total appropriated funds will be given as direct grants to eligible units of local government; 28 percent will be allotted to the states; two percent to Indian tribes; and two percent for competitive grants to non-eligible communities.

**Grant/Program Description:** Administered by the Department of Commerce, DOE has issued funds under Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants for the purposes of: 1. Increase energy efficiency to reduce energy costs and consumption for consumers, businesses and government; 2. Reduce reliance on imported energy; 3. Improve the reliability of electricity and fuel supply and the delivery of energy services; and 4. Reduce the impacts of energy production and use on the environment.

**Possible Qualifying PAG Projects:**

- Energy Efficient Downtown Central Energy Plant
- Solar Retrofits of Public Housing
- Solar Retrofits of Publicly Owned Buildings
- Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation
- Public Housing Upgrades and Improvements

**Eligibility Requirements:** Projects that work to conserve energy and/or provide energy efficiency in communities.

**Grant/Loan Priorities:** Priority will be given to cities or towns with populations less than 35,000.

**Application Instructions:** The U.S. Department of Energy indicates that it will provide application information soon. DOE suggests that entities that plan to apply for these funds begin the registration process now, as it may take up to 21 days to complete. The process is as follows:

- Step 1: Request a DUNS Number by clicking here.
- Step 2: Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), by clicking here.
- Step 3: E-Business Point of Contact registers by clicking here.

**Application Deadline:** Unknown.

**Websites Available:**

U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants - <http://www.azcommerce.com/Energy/EECBG.htm>