

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Possible Funding Opportunities Available for Pima Association of Governments Projects

Project Category: Energy

Project Description: Energy Efficient Downtown Central Energy Plant

Jurisdiction: City of Tucson

Funding Amount Required: \$45 Million

Potential Funding Source and Amounts Available:

- 1) The United States Department of Energy, Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program
Available Funding: \$6,000 Million
- 2) The United States Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants
Available Funding: \$55.4 Million

Authorizing Agency Contact Person:

- 1) Loan Guarantee Program Office, U.S. Department of Energy CF 1.3, 1000 Independence Avenue - SW, Washington D.C. 20585, Phone: (202) 586-8336, Fax: (202) 586-7366.
- 2) The United States Department of Energy, Phone: (877) 337-3463

Distribution or Appointment of Formula:

- 1) Competitive.
- 2) 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:

- 1) The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct05) authorizes the U.S. Department of Energy to issue loan guarantees to eligible projects that "avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases" and "employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued."
- 2) 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.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Entities that have the authority to enter into, and is seeking, a loan guarantee issued by the Secretary for a loan or other debt obligation of an eligible project. An eligible project is described in the Grant/Program Description above.
- 2) Projects that work to conserve energy and/or provide energy efficiency in communities.

Grant/Loan Priorities:

- 1) Priority will be given to Guaranteed Loans already approved or in the process of being approved.

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- 2) Priority will be given to cities or towns with populations less than 35,000.

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Application Instructions:

- 1) The U.S. Department of Energy has a pre-application requirement as well as an actual application process. Details are outlined in the application packets located at <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/Solicitationfinal.pdf>.
- 2) 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:

- 1) None - continuous.
- 2) Unknown.

Websites Available:

- 1) U.S. Department of Energy, Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program - <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html>
- 2) U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants - <http://www.azcommerce.com/Energy/EECBG.htm>