

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Possible Funding Opportunities Available for Pima Association of Governments Projects

**Project Category:** Housing/CDBG

**Project Description:** Solar Retrofits of Publicly Owned Buildings

**Jurisdiction:** City of Tucson

**Funding Amount Required:** \$4 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
- 3) The United States Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program  
Available Funding: \$5,000 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
- 3) The United States Department of Energy at (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.
- 3) Competitive.

**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.
- 3) The Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program is in place to reduce the burden of energy prices on the disadvantaged. The weatherization of homes includes adding more insulation, sealing of leaks, and modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment. It does also include clean energy sources like wind and solar.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

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- 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.
- 3) Weatherization for housing for individuals with incomes within 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

### **Grant/Loan Priorities:**

- 1) Priority will be given to Guaranteed Loans already approved or in the process of being approved.
- 2) Priority will be given to cities or towns with populations less than 35,000.
- 3) Warmer weather states will receive a higher level of funding.

### **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.
- 3) Apply with the U.S. Department of the Energy. The detailed application process is set forth in the Funding Opportunity Announcement by the National Energy Technology Laboratory. Applicants must complete the Standard Form 424 (SF 424). Complete all required fields in accordance with the instructions on the form. The list of certifications and assurances referenced in Field 21 can be found on the DOE Financial Assistance Forms Page at [http://management.energy.gov/business\\_doe/business\\_forms.htm](http://management.energy.gov/business_doe/business_forms.htm) under Certifications and Assurances. The SF 424 can be downloaded from <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/forms.html#FUNDING>.

### **Application Deadline:**

- 1) None - continuous.
- 2) Unknown.
- 3) The Initial Application is to be submitted to the following email address [WAP-recovery@netl.doe.gov](mailto:WAP-recovery@netl.doe.gov) no later than May 23, 2009. Full application deadline is May 12, 2009.

### **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>
- 3) U.S. Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program Opportunity - [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/pdfs/wap\\_recovery\\_act\\_foa.pdf](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/pdfs/wap_recovery_act_foa.pdf)