



ARRA Energy Funding State Energy Office Programs

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Background: State Energy Office



ENERGY MANAGEMENT UNIT

The Energy Management Unit at the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) constitutes the CT State Energy Office

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Recovery Website

www.ct.gov/opm - follow links for CT Recovery

State Energy Program (SEP)



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State Energy Office to receive \$38,542,000

SEP funds are primarily aimed at supporting programs (not specific projects) aimed at:

- Increasing energy efficiency and reducing energy costs for consumers

- Reducing reliance on imported energy

- Improving the reliability / delivery of energy products

- Reducing the environmental impact of energy production and consumption

ARRA added job creation/retention as a goal

ARRA specifically encourages that SEP funds be channeled through existing infrastructures to expand or create renewable energy and/or energy efficiency programs

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Preliminary OPM application due on 3/23/09 (available on website)

Preliminary planned activities include:

- Geothermal incentive program

- Solar thermal incentive program

- Fuel cell incentive program

- Wind energy incentive program

- Support/Expansion of existing energy efficiency programs

- State Buildings energy projects program

Support for:

- Increased Building Operator Certification in the public sector

- Increased training and monitoring of State Building Code

- Administrative support for Clean Cities program

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Final OPM Application due 5/12/09

Any programs funded by SEP will require strict adherence to ARRA and State Executive Order requirements:

- Very tight quarterly reporting requirements (72 hours for sub-grantees, 10 days for OPM) on both financials and program status/accomplishments

- Prevailing wage requirements

- Restrictions on use (such as no golf courses or zoo projects)

Check the OPM Recovery website for latest information on programs that will be supported and/or created

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)



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State Energy Office to receive \$9,593,500

EECBG is primarily the mechanism to provide municipalities with “project” funds

State Energy Office will provide grants to local municipalities*

Formula to allocate the funding to specific towns has not yet been finalized

*26 towns/cities will receive their EECBG grants directly from the federal DOE. State energy office will provide grants to the remaining 143 towns.

OPM application is due to DOE on 5/26/09 (towns getting a direct grant from DOE have a due date of 6/25/09)

EECBG requires that a minimum of 60% (\$5,756,100) of the State Energy Office funding be distributed as grants to local towns.

No decisions have yet been made on the allocation formula nor for the potential use of the remaining 40% (\$3,837,400)

Same restrictions/reporting requirements will be applicable under EECBG as with SEP

Check website for latest information