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Tennessee Energy Efficiency & Conservation Grant Project Funding & Assistance Announced

On Earth Day, April 22, 2010, the State of Tennessee's Energy Policy Office of the Economic Development Department announced the award of the First Round of \$9.2 Million in grants to Tennessee small communities for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Projects. Six member communities affiliated with the Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Development Council (TREEDC) received grant awards under this program. These communities included the Cities & Towns of Crossville, Gainesboro, Pikeville, Sunbright, Whitwell and Winfield. These communities have cooperatively participated in the TREEDC "Lead By Example" Program developed in partnership with the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). Projects proposed include planning and implementation of the following comprehensive alternative energy services available to cities and counties in Tennessee:

LED Lighting replacement projects

Traffic Signals Replacement;
Outdoor lighting replacement;
Building Office lighting replacement

Facilities Weatherization & Energy Reduction Projects

Building Weatherization Project
Solar Collector Projects

Energy Producing Projects

Solar Cell Projects
Micro Hydro Generation Projects
Biomass energy production

Alternative Fuel Producing Projects

Biodiesel Production and recycling
Ethanol conversion programs
Compressed natural gas facilities

The State of Tennessee's Energy Policy Office of the Economic Development Department announced [\\$3.8 Million are available in a Second Round of Energy Efficiency & Conservation Grant Funds](#) in round 2 to small communities through the

“Tennessee Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant” Program.

The Tennessee Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program is a roll down part of Recovery Act Funding which represents a Presidential priority to invest in the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately.

The State of Tennessee is using its allocation from the US Department of Energy for competitive grants to small cities and counties to empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long-term goals for energy independence and leadership on climate change.

Grantees will be required to report on:

- Jobs created and/or retained,
- Energy savings,
- Renewable energy capacity installed,
- Greenhouse gas emissions reduced, &
- Funds leveraged.

The State of Tennessee plans to award grants and provide an additional \$3.8 Million in funding to projects awarded in Round 2. Priority is given to project that result energy savings and reduce a community’s carbon footprint. Each community is given the complete freedom to plan, target and implement energy efficiency improvements. We are urging Tennessee small & medium sized cities and counties to apply for these funds.

TREEDC cofounder and President of McBee/Bailey & Associates Emanuel Bailey is assisting with the TREEDC energy efficiency project management. TREEDC is available to any communities interested in applying for TN Energy Efficiency & Conservation Grants during the SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING..... The deadline for 2nd Round Grant Applications is May 21, 2010. Please contact warren.nevad@tennessee.edu for more information.