

Environmental Services

Recovery Act funds impact on the city's budget:

1. Information on impacts of Recovery Act funds on the City's budget

- The impacts of grants obtained by the Energy Sustainability and Environmental Protection Division (ESEP) are significant in directed effort for energy issues in the City's budget. The activities supported by the grants are supplementary to services already provided and will cover expanded expenses for energy improvement efforts.

2. Total amount that the City has received to date (i.e., formula grants, competitive grants)

- To date, ESEP has received two (2) grants and bond authorizations. Both grants are administered by the Department of Energy:

- a) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), Grant Type: formula grant, pending final Energy Conservation Strategy approval \$12,541,700
- b) Solar America Cities, Grant Type: competitive grant \$500,000

TOTAL: 13,041,700

- Additionally, the City has authorization to issue \$13,100,000 (in Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECB's))

3. Total amount that the city has disbursed to date

EECBG

- Pre-award activity: \$68,719.11
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy development: \$60,663.04

TOTAL: 129,382.15

4. Names/job titles of who has primary responsibility for overseeing the disbursing process (i.e., administrative costs)

- Deputy Director Tom Blair
- Supervising Management Analyst Anita Pyle
- Administrative Aide II Matthew Araiza
- Associate Management Analyst Josh Brock

- Future: Plan on filling three new positions to work directly on the EECBG. These positions are Associate Management Analyst, Supervising Management Analyst and Project Officer I.

5. The city's potential exit strategy

- The City of San Diego has a department dedicated to many of the same goals as the grants received through the DOE.
- Without ARRA funds, the department will continue to exist, and will seek different funding sources for continuing efforts towards a more energy efficient city.
- The City is implementing the Mayor's Clean Generation Program that will allow citizens to encumber loans on owned property and repay the loan through property taxes over time. Improvements allowed will include energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy generation. These efforts will continue many of the actions funded initially by ARRA funds.

Purpose: To document the responses from the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department.

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Status of the city's applications for competitive grants or additional Recovery Act grants:

1. Information on federal or state guidance that was followed

- The Department has applied for four (4) grants: EECBG, Solar America Cities, and two (2) State Energy Programs.
 - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) – DE-FOA-0000013
 - Status: Received partial funding, awaiting full funding
 - Solar America Cities – DE-FOA-0000078
 - Status: Received
 - State Energy Program – RFP 400-09-402
 - Status: Not selected for award
 - State Energy Program – Regional Residential Retrofit – RFP 400-09-403
 - Status: Not selected for award

2. Level of difficulty in the application process

- (7) The application process for the EECBG was similar to other Federal grant applications that the City had responded to previously. Advance approval of pre-award activity was helpful in coordinating the ad-hoc committee that was created to develop the energy conservation strategy for the EECBG grant. Extensive research and multiple trial entries lead to successful navigation of the Federal grant proposal software.

3. Planned use of Recovery Act funds

- The EECBG funds will go towards a total of seven (7) different activities:
 - 1) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy development
 - 2) Residential Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program
 - 3) Low-income Residential Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program
 - 4) Balboa Park Energy Efficiency Retrofits
 - 5) Broad Spectrum Street Lighting Retrofits
 - 6) A Revolving Fund for Municipal Building Retrofits
 - 7) Development of an update for the Climate Action Plan
- The Solar America City funds will support two (2) separate activities:
 - 1) Solar Financing Options for Multifamily Affordable Housing
 - 2) Solar-Powered Fire Shelter Integration into Disaster Response Planning