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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants to Local Governments

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office has awarded more than \$4.8 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) to 50 communities and five counties for energy-related projects.

“These are the first grants awarded of the \$9.5 million available in funding to Arizona’s rural areas - communities with a population of 35,000 or less – and each is a shining example of innovative energy projects that will benefit Arizona,” said Governor Brewer. “Each of these 50 EECBG projects should create jobs, while providing long-term reductions in utility costs – saving local dollars for years to come.”

Funded for the first time by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the EECBG Program supports projects to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use in Arizona cities, towns and counties.

Under Arizona’s program, administered by the Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office, the ARRA funds will finance a variety of EECBG projects, such as: building energy audits; energy efficiency retrofits; energy efficiency and conservation programs; development and implementation of transportation programs; traffic signals and street lighting; and renewable energy technologies on government buildings.

“Of the awarded funding, more than half of these communities are concentrating on energy audits and retrofits to reduce utility costs,” said Grady Bailey, Director of the Energy Office. “These are the types of projects that have the best payback on an energy-saving investment. In addition, ten communities are pursuing potential renewable energy projects that not only generate power, but can also educate the public on the benefits of this technology.”

Fifty cities and towns and five counties were awarded the following:

Apache Junction - \$171,699	Marana - \$171,429
Benson - \$68,957	Miami - \$56,837
Bisbee - \$72,853	Nogales - \$125,731*
Camp Verde - \$91,150	Page - \$76,313
Cave Creek - \$69,514	Parker - \$62,123
Chino Valley - \$91,307*	Payson - \$108,721*
Coolidge - \$86,474	Pima - \$57,881
Douglas - \$114,533	Pinetop-Lakeside - \$67,219
Duncan - \$52,793	Quartzsite - \$63,328
Eagar - \$66,861	Safford - \$85,155
Eloy - \$95,339*	Santa Cruz County - \$183,167
Florence - \$117,769	Sedona - \$93,719
Fountain Hills - \$146,487*	Show Low - \$94,832
Fredonia - \$54,177	Snowflake - \$70,363
Gila Bend - \$57,127	Somerton - \$92,847
Gila County - \$193,053*	Springerville - \$57,546
Globe - \$77,033	St. Johns - \$63,690
Graham County - \$190,271	Superior - \$61,780*
Greenlee County - \$117,844	Taylor - \$65,485
Guadalupe - \$71,846	Thatcher - \$67,898*
Holbrook - \$69,403	Tolleson - \$76,976*
Huachuca City - \$57,485	Wellton - \$57,260
Jerome - \$51,345	Wickenburg - \$75,128*
Kearny - \$61,830	Willcox - \$64,433
Kingman - \$155,558	Williams - \$62,463
La Paz County - \$151,121	Youngtown - \$68,599
Litchfield Park - \$71,316	
Mammoth - \$59,250	
	Total - \$4,815,318

(* Potential renewable energy projects)

Currently, there are 14 participating cities and towns that have state-approved energy-related projects and are pending local city or town approval. They will be announced as they are accepted.

To learn more about the EECBG Program visit www.azcommerce.com/Energy/EECBG. Governor Brewer's Office provides updates on Arizona's ARRA applications and programs at www.azrecovery.gov.

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