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Overview of ARRA Timelines for State Energy Program & Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Programs

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Topics

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Programs to be Administered by Energy Commission
- Guiding Principles for Use of ARRA funds
- Overarching Goals For Program Priorities
- ARRA Timelines for Development of Programs, Guidelines and Release of Funds
- More Information



ARRA Formula Energy Appropriations

- \$3.1 billion State Energy Program (SEP)
 - Energy Commission will receive \$226 million
- \$3.2 billion Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
 - California local governments (large cities and counties) will receive a direct award of more than \$302 million
 - Energy Commission is will receive \$49.6 million
 - Small cities and counties will receive about \$29 million through the Energy Commission



ARRA Program Implementation Overarching Principles

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Verification
- Risk Mitigation



Overarching Goals for Program Priorities

- Degree of effectiveness in **stimulating the economy**, reducing energy use, attracting or retaining energy industries, and creating jobs in California.
- Potential to **expend money efficiently**, with administrative accountability and efficiency, including augmenting or leveraging existing state, federal, local and private programs.
- Potential to develop long-term, self-sustaining energy programs and **leverage public and private funding**.



Overarching Goals for Program Priorities cont'd

- Potential to **achieve lasting and measurable energy benefits** consistent with the Integrated Energy Policy Report and Energy Action Plan “loading order”.
- Potential to **meet California’s energy policy goals** as defined by the Integrated Energy Policy Reports, ARB Scoping Plan, and Energy Action Plan, the Bioenergy Action Plan, energy legislation, and other relevant policy documents.



State Energy Program

- Energy Commission will receive \$226 million
 - Historically State Energy Program appropriations to California were \$1-3 million annually
- Types of activities allowed under State Energy Program
 - Implementing residential, commercial building, industrial and transportation energy efficiency programs
 - Expanding distributed generation, renewable energy and public education programs
 - Conducting any activity to improve energy efficiency, increase use of renewable energy or increase energy efficiency and economic development.



State Energy Program

- Energy Commission Focus
 - Green Workforce Development
 - Nonresidential Building Efficiency Retrofits and Clean Energy Systems
 - Residential Building Efficiency Retrofits and Clean Energy Systems
- State Application Due to DOE by May 12
- Guidelines and Program Development – May through June



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

- \$3.2 billion nationally
 - 68% to local governments (directly to cities > 35,000 and counties > 200,000 population)
 - 28% to state energy offices
 - 2% to tribes
 - 2% competitive grants
- California local governments will receive over \$302 million
- Energy Commission will receive \$49.6 million (and a portion goes to small cities and counties)
- Department of Energy guidelines released on March 27
 - State application due May 26, 2009
 - Local Government applications due June 25, 2009
 - Development of guidelines – May through July



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

- Assist cities and counties in implementing energy efficiency and conservation projects and strategies to:
 - Create or retain energy jobs
 - to reduce emissions from fossil fuels created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities;
 - to reduce total energy use;
 - Develop renewable energy; and
 - to improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors.



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