

## **Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Proposed Model Amendment**

**General** – The City has been awarded a total of \$2,384,600 in energy block grants. It is intended that these funds be used for energy savings and conservation with regard to City facilities as well as by the rest of the community. There is also the intent to serve those most in need while at the same time attempt to make stimulus funds available to all of Madison as much as possible. The primary outcomes and measures of success desired by the Department of Energy are proposed number of jobs created or retained and energy saved and/or renewable energy generated. Decisions made on projects will need to be guided by these outcomes. An Energy Block Grant Coordinator will be hired to coordinate the uses of the Community based funds and help City businesses and residents navigate how the City, coupled with other resources can be of assistance. This position's funding will be tied directly to stimulus dollars and therefore be a LTE. A breakdown of general uses, descriptions and dedicated dollars are listed below.

1. **City Facility Use – \$1,000,000** All projects would be bid out through the City's Public Works Process. Contractor wage rates would meet federal requirements.
  - A. **Energy Efficiency Improvements at City Facilities** – Upgrade lighting at a number of City facilities including Fleet Services, Fire Stations, Traffic Engineering, Olbrich Gardens, Summit Maintenance Facility for Parks, Forest Hill Cemetery, and Park Shelters, Replace Windows at Traffic Engineering, HVAC Projects at Engineering, Parks, and Streets, and Green Elements for the South Madison Library.
  - B. **Renewable Energy** – Renewable Energy installation at Badger Rd – Streets facility.
  - C. **Diversion of Organic Wastes** - Pilot program to divert residential organic waste from the landfill. The organic material will be used to produce biogas and compost using an anaerobic digester.
  
2. **Community Use – \$1,384,600**
  - A. **Business & Economic Development** – Designed to make energy efficiency improvements of all kinds to any commercial, non-profit or manufacturing facility within the City. The Grants Coordinator will provide information, education and referral to a range of resources. Depending upon need and resources available, these services will range from energy audits and grants/loans provided by the city and combined with other city services, referral to external resources and services provided the State and other organizations. The Grants Coordinator will also develop strategies to leverage City and other resources to foster "Green" Economic Development. An application process will be developed with staff evaluating applications and forwarding recommendations to the CDBG Commission and Council for awards over \$25,000 for approval. **\$650,000**
  - B. **Residential** – Designed to make energy efficiency improvements in Madison's housing stock and improving linkages to available services/resources. There are millions of dollars the State is making

available locally through their Federal Stimulus dollars for the weatherization of low and moderate-income households. There are also linkages with other existing resources and services. The City of Madison's role in this area would be supplement those resources where needed, but most importantly help navigate Madison residents to already existing services and resources. An application process will be developed and since awards are likely to be more modest per household, staff will evaluate and make the awards. **\$250,000**

**i. Moderate Income Plus** – Services include information, education, energy audits, grant/loan information and referral to other resources as needed.

**ii. Low/Moderate Income** – Services include information, education, energy audits, grant/loan information and referrals to Project Home for Stimulus Energy Block Grant weatherization.

**C. Neighborhood Focus** – Unemployed or underemployed individuals will be hired to perform weatherization projects in one or two neighborhoods chosen by metrics from Neighborhood Indicators. These weatherization crews will be hired from the same neighborhoods where the energy efficiency and conservation efforts are committed. A vendor will be selected through a RFP process with CDBG Commission and Council approval and the Grants Coordinator will monitor the contract. **\$484,600**