

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

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Presentation Title: Update on Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) activities

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POLICY TO DISCUSS

Does the attached list of activities proposed for funding under the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant reflect the BCC priorities in the creation of a new Energy Conservation Program?

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

Clackamas County has been allocated \$3,159,500 of federal funds for energy efficiency projects. The funding is based on countywide population, less the City of Lake Oswego (which received direct funds). The goal of the EECBG is to implement projects addressing both energy savings and job creation. The EECBG funds must be obligated within 18 months of our award date (August 4, 2009) and spent within three years. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is administering the funds and is looking for long-lasting programs in multiple sectors.

In August the County received an initial \$250,000 to develop an Energy Efficiency Conservation Strategy (EECS). The EECS is required before the remaining funds will be released and is a compilation of specific activities that will be implemented and a narrative response to several questions. Staff submitted draft activity documents to DOE on September 30th for review and comment. Our EECS submittal must be finalized by December 2nd.

We propose a multi-faceted and multi-pronged approach to maximize the dollars we know are coming and to help fulfill several of the Actions listed in the County's Action Plan for a Sustainable Clackamas County:

- Reduce human-caused greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050.
- Provide information to residents, businesses, and students on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and becoming carbon neutral.
- Model sustainable practices in Clackamas County operations and activities.
- Support and promote sustainable energy planning and investment.
- Pursue efficiency and conservation alongside renewable energy.
- Create incentives for sustainable redevelopment and development practices through the permitting process.
- Provide education to encourage sustainable development, redevelopment and building occupancy practices.
- Maintain historic structures and recognize the embodied energy in existing buildings.

Staff proposes an EECS with six energy activities under the umbrella of a new energy program within the Office of Sustainability (see attached document). Some of the activities will be delivered in partnership with other county offices. These activities will promote energy efficiency in residential, commercial, and public buildings, and include a solar energy project on county buildings.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Is the Board satisfied with the mix of activities?

Options

1. Add/subtract/modify or support other activities for the use of EECGB funds.

Recommendation

1. Proceed to use the forthcoming EECGB funds in the manner described in the summary of activities (attached).

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County Administrator Approval _____

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