



# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item:**            **Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the Department of Commerce for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant - Approval to authorize the submittal of an application to the Department of Commerce for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**

**Submitted By:**            Public Works Director Steve Burroughs

**Meeting Date:**            May 25, 2010

**Background:**

The Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office (Commerce) is soliciting proposals from Arizona non-profit entities to competitively obtain funds for renewable energy projects that can reduce fossil fuel emissions and reduce total energy use. Commerce has been allocated \$650,000 for this program from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

The purpose of the proposal is to assist non-profit entities develop renewable energy activities which will lay the ground work for building a sustainable energy future. The funds are limited to \$50,000 per applicant organization. No additional funding is required unless the eligible organization wishes to participate in a rebate program offered by a utility company. Which, we will be making application to APS for incentive funds to combine with the EECBG grant funds.

Eligible projects will be renewable energy projects that reduce an organization's annual utility costs, save BTUs of energy produced per dollar spent, or produce BTUs of energy annually are eligible.

The project scope submittal will consist of; Attic insulation through out the clubhouse building, Weather Sealing of doors and windows, and interior mounted Storm Windows (approved by SHPO) in the Men's, Ladies, and Reading Rooms.

Application submittal amount will be \$46,575.00

**Recommendation:**    To authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Department of Commerce for the competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).