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Oakland Goes 5 for 5 on State Energy Stimulus Grants

OAKLAND - Mayor Ron Dellums announced today that the City of Oakland was part of five successful State Energy Program stimulus grant applications totaling over $40 million, awarded by the California Energy Commission (CEC). These funds will create and/or retain more than 4,000 jobs statewide.

One hundred and five grant applications were submitted to the CEC for $110 million in available funding. Of the 12 grants awarded statewide, Oakland is a partner in five of them - totaling more than $40 million.

"This effort brought together government agencies and businesses forming a powerful partnership to tackle energy efficiency and climate change," said Mayor Dellums. "The successful selection of these grant applications is a testament to the creativity, determination and dedication of this collaboration that aimed to solve global problems and provide local jobs simultaneously. I would like to thank all of our partners, including: ABAG, Alameda County, StopWaste.Org, San Francisco Mayor's Office, and the firms QuEST, KEMA, and Energy Solutions."

"I am delighted - this funding will help Oakland's businesses and residents to implement energy efficiency and solar retrofits. We are priming the local economy by training and hiring locally as we transition to a green economy based on energy efficiency and solar power. These grants are the building blocks for a more sustainable and economically successful City," said Council President Jane Brunner.

An award of $4.8 million for commercial building retrofits made to QuEST and its partner KEMA funds the installation of emerging lighting technology and energy efficiency incentives for downtown Oakland commercial buildings. Improving energy efficiency in downtown office buildings, mainly Class B, will help reduce energy costs, improve their economic position and make the office space more attractive to tenants.

CaliforniaFIRST property-based energy efficiency financing, including setup administration costs, interest rate buy-down, contractor training, and marketing will be funded for $26 million. While the residents and business statewide will benefit, many of the companies delivering the services – like Renewable Funding and BKI – are located in Oakland and will help spur the growth of green businesses in Oakland.

Other grants Oakland was a partner on are affordable housing energy retrofits with San Francisco Mayor's Office for $2.9 million and Energy Solutions technical assistance for municipalities for $5.9 where the city can receive support in green up its buildings.

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"All of this funding for energy efficiency work over the next three years is a game changer," said Susan Kattchee, Oakland's Environmental Services Manager. "The projects being funded advance our Sustainable Oakland goals – improving the environment, creating jobs, and supporting and growing green technology businesses."

For more information please see the City of Oakland's stimulus website: www.OaklandStimulus.com and the attached documents outlining each grant.

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Oakland Success in State Energy Program Funding Opportunities

	Amount	Program	Description and Partners
1)	$ 16,499,050	CaliforniaFIRST Property Assisted Energy Financing Program	• Augments the CaliforniaFIRST property-based energy retrofit financing program in several Bay Area counties (including Oakland and Alameda County) • Lead applicant = Sacramento County • Will reduce interest rates and waive program setup fees associated with the CaliforniaFIRST program operated by California Communities and Oakland-based Renewable Funding • Alameda County will provide additional customer support for participating property owners • **Jobs created or retained: 1,942 jobs statewide**
2)	$ 10,750,000	Residential Energy Retrofit Program	• Launches a new Bay Area residential energy retrofit program promoting energy efficiency, training contractors, helping homeowners find certified contractors, connecting homeowners to financing, and providing a level of quality assurance. • Lead applicant = ABAG • Oakland-based StopWaste.org has served as lead representative for Alameda County jurisdictions • **Jobs created or retained: 1,739 jobs in the Bay Area**
3)	$ 2,993,029	Affordable Housing Energy Retrofit Financing Pilot	• Creates a pilot multi-family affordable housing energy retrofit program in SF, Oakland and Berkeley • Lead applicant = SF Mayor's Office of Housing • **Jobs created or retained: 162 jobs in Oakland, San Francisco and Berkeley**
4)	$ 5,949,739	Municipal Energy Retrofit Assistance Program	• Provides City of Oakland and other local governments with technical assistance and support to improve energy efficiency in municipal facilities • Lead applicant = Oakland-based Energy Solutions • **Jobs created or retained: 211 direct and 506 indirect jobs statewide**
5)	$ 4,852,181	Oakland Commercial Building Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program	• Incentivizes and drives energy retrofits in Oakland's downtown commercial sector. • Lead applicant = Quantum Energy Services and Technologies (QuEST) • KEMA (out of its Oakland office) is other major technical partner • **Jobs created or retained: 77 jobs**

OAKLAND CALIFORNIA'S GREEN RETROFITS FOR ALL:

Utilizing Recovery Act Funds for Sustainable Jobs, Environment & Community Infrastructure

MULTI-FAMILY AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING ENERGY RETROFITS

- Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (DOE) ($5.7 MM – pending)
- State Energy Program Residential Grant ($3 MM for Oakland, Berkeley and SF – Competitive)

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY RETROFITS/FINANCING

- State Energy Program Residential Grant ($10.75 MM for Bay Area – Competitive)
- State Energy Program California FIRST ($16.5 MM statewide – Competitive)
- Tax Credit programs

LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- Weatherization Assistance Grants ($3.9 MM – Formula)
- City's New Revolving Loan Fund – CDBG ($2.26 MM – Formula)
- PG&E Programs

FORECLOSED PROPERTIES GREEN CONSTRUCTION AND ENERGY RETROFITS

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (HUD) ($8 MM – Non-ARRA)

MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL DISTRICT & HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING ENERGY RETROFITS

- Formula Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ($3.9 MM)
- OHA Public Capital Assistance ($10.5 MM - Formula)
- Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (DOE) ($5.7 MM – Pending)
- OUSD Solar Project ($39 MM, Non-ARRA)
- State Energy Program Municipal Grant ($5.95 MM statewide – Competitive)

GREEN BUILDING & RETROFITS OF FIRE STATIONS

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (DHS, FEMA) ($15 MM – Pending)

PORT OF OAKLAND

Deconstruction Projects

SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL RETROFITS

- PG&E Programs & Incentives
- State Energy Program Commercial Grant ($4.85 MM – Competitive)

PUBLIC/PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Recovery Zone and Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds ($16.8 MM – Formula)

ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & PLACEMENT

- Laney College Coursework & Industry Certification
- Placement Support and Incentives

GREEN JOBS TRAINING PROGRAMS (ENERGY RETROFIT, SOLAR, GREEN CONSTRUCTION)

- California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program ($1 MM – Competitive)
- Community Services Block Grant ($1.2 MM – Formula)
- Green Job Corps – State Stimulus Funds ($938 K to regional application led by Peralta Community College District)
- Alameda County Social Services Agency Employment Subsidies
- Targeted Hire Tax Credit Programs for Employers

MEASURE Y STREET OUTREACH | HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENTS | MAYOR'S RE-ENTRY PROGRAM | COUNTY PROBATION, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC HEALTH | COMMUNITY & FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS

SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES INCLUDE:

Community Level

Strategies to result in triple wins: environment, jobs, capital and neighborhood improvement priorities.

Partners include City of Oakland, Oakland Housing Authority, OUSD, Port of Oakland, PG&E, workforce trainers, Building Trades Council, private employers, Alameda County, social services agencies, and community and faith-based groups.

Program Level

Revolving loan funds for CDBG weatherization and energy retrofit fund; Neighborhood Stabilization Program; and Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Individual Level

Enhance employability through on-the-job training subsidies; longer placement support for trainees; and community college coursework and industry certification.