

Energy Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

Applications are due December 14th

On October 19th, the Department of Energy released a Funding Opportunity Announcement for two highly competitive, short turn around, grant opportunities totaling \$454 million. Applications are due December 14th.

The first topic area, the "Retrofit Ramp-Up" program, will award up to \$390 million for innovative programs that are structured to provide whole-neighborhood building energy retrofits. These will be projects that demonstrate a sustainable business model for providing cost-effective energy upgrades for a large percentage of the residential, commercial, industrial and public buildings in a specific community. DOE expects to make 8 to 20 awards for this program, with award size ranging from \$5-75 million.

The second topic area, the "General Innovation Fund," will award up to \$64 million to cities, counties and State-recognized Indian Tribes that were not eligible to receive population-based formula grant allocations from DOE under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. These funds are intended to help expand local energy efficiency efforts and reduce energy use in the commercial, residential, transportation, manufacturing, or industrial sectors. DOE expects to make 15 to 60 awards, with award size ranging from \$1-5 million.

The Ferguson Group, the leading federal advocate for local governments, is in a strong position to help a limited number of local governments strategize, draft, and finalize proposals for this program. Our grant writers have a proven track record in securing DOE dollars.

Please immediately contact Ken Brown at 202-331-8500 or kbrown@tfgnet.com should your community desire assistance in securing this important opportunity.

For more information about the grants, visit <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>

FEMA Taking Applications for Fire and Emergency Services Grants

Applications are due December 18th

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open competition for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program on November 16th. This is a competitive grant program designed to provide cost-share support for local fire fighting, emergency rescue, and emergency medical services. All non-federal fire departments and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible to apply for this funding. The application deadline will be December 18th.

For more information, visit: http://www.fergusongroup.us/documents/eAlert_firefighter_safer_grants.pdf

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