



## Recovery Update from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence

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After several months of deliberations, the Department of Energy (DOE) has released the guidance for the **State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program**.

- Iowa has been allocated **\$2,881,000** for this program
- The program will provide rebates for residential Energy Star appliances
- States can choose to offer rebates for boilers, furnaces, water heaters, heat pumps, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, and dishwashers
- OEI will submit the initial application to DOE before August 15, 2009
- OEI will submit the comprehensive application before October 15, 2009
- The full funding opportunity announcement can be found below

DOE also announced funding for **Community Renewable Energy Deployment Grants**.

- Up to **\$21.45 million** in grants will be available for up to four state and local governments
- Applicants can request between \$5 to \$21.45 million in funding, although they must come up with at least 50% of the total project costs
- Grants will be used to support widespread deployment of renewable energy installations throughout communities on a sustained basis
- The overall goal is to support communities with existing renewable energy technology plans that are ready to move into implementation through readily deployable renewable energy installations
- Applications are due on September 3, 2009

DOE released two other funding opportunities for the **development of algal and advanced biofuels** and for **baseload concentrating solar power (CSP) generation**.

- **\$85 million** will be available to investigate the potential for algae to commercially produce a variety of biofuels and to develop new and innovative approaches for the conversion of biomass to advanced biofuels that are infrastructure compatible
- Applications for the algae and advanced biofuels projects will be due on September 14, 2009
- **\$15 million to \$52.5 million** will be available to identify and evaluate future technology options that could lead to the development of baseload CSP power plants with a capacity factor of 75% and the capability of generating electricity at costs competitive with fossil-fired generators
- Baseload CSP generation applications will be due on October 15, 2009

Finally, OEI has added several new items to the **State Energy Program FAQ** page.

- The new questions and responses are below
- The entire FAQ page can be found at <http://www.energy.iowa.gov/ARRA09/SEP/FAQ.html>

As always, thank you for your interest in the Recovery programs and in our activities. We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks.



**Recovery: State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP)**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=m61yKfGLNGPxm7fLcQQT1K1XJ5Lrpphr02vTdmL6ff0kftjKhMD!-1757398871?oppld=48463&mode=VIEW>

DE-FOA-0000119

**Recovery Act: Community Renewable Energy Deployment Grant**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48485>

DE-FOA-0000122

**Recovery Act: Development of Algal/Advanced Biofuels Consortia Grant**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48495>

DE-FOA-0000123

**Baseload Concentrating Solar Power Generation Grant**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48490>

DE-FOA-0000104

**State Energy Program: Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Can we apply for funding for a geothermal system?**

**A:** Yes. Geothermal systems are considered renewable energy improvements and are thus eligible for funding. Applicants should be aware, though, that the application package requires that the Energy Star Portfolio Manager rating for most buildings be at or above 70 before renewable energy improvements can be funded. Without that rating, applicants should apply for energy efficiency improvements as well.

**Q: When will application decisions be made?**

**A:** The deadline for applications is August 12, 2009 and OEI intends to begin making awards within 30 to 45 days thereafter.

**Q: Where can we add a project narrative?**

**A:** A project narrative is not required, although applicants may choose to submit one with their application.

**Q: Can federal funding count as leveraged funds?**

**A:** No. In almost all cases, funding from other federal programs will not be considered leveraged funds when scoring the applications.

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