



Recovery Update from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence

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The Department of Energy is now accepting applications from cities for its **Local Energy Assurance Planning Initiative**.

- \$10.5 million in grants is available
- Between \$60,000 to \$300,000 may be requested
- The goal is to refine or develop standardized energy assurance and resiliency plans which integrate new energy portfolios and smart grid technologies
- Funding can be used to create in-house expertise, revise city policies and procedures, train personnel, conduct emergency exercises, among other activities
- The deadline for applications is October 9, 2009
- The full details for the initiative can be found at the link below

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 Act Local Energy Assurance Planning (LEAP) Initiative Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48595>

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State Energy Program: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can all of the eligible activities under the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants Program be applied for under the State Energy Program?

A: No. Except for the innovative and training and information projects sections, only energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on buildings will be funded under the State Energy Program.

Q: Can we count utility rebates as leveraged funds on the application?

A: Yes. Applicants may use obtained or promised utility rebates as a source of funding in their applications.

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