

Office of Local Government Stimulus Funding Update – September 2009

\$58,868,200 million of ARRA funds has been appropriated for use by SC in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for use on the construction of local water and sewer facilities. The grant award was made by EPA to DHEC, but the BCB will receive and disburse all of the funds for local projects.

Approximately one-half of the funds will be provided as 0% loans blended 50/50 with the regular SRF loan funds for an effective interest rate of 1.84%. The other half of the ARRA monies will be provided as principal forgiveness, as required in the ARRA law, which is loan assistance that will not require repayment.

All funds are in various stages of commitment to projects. Of the \$28,814,700 in ARRA funds being used for CWSRF and DWSRF loan to 20 projects, 10 have closed, some of these are under construction, and the first disbursement of funds is expected very soon. The remaining 10 loans will be closed within 2-3 months. \$29.8 million in 19 principal forgiveness projects will be under construction contract prior to February 17, 2010, which is the deadline.

Projects as of 9-11-2009

CWSRF			Total Loan Amt	ARRA Loan \$	Reg Loan \$	Closing Date
				19,844,700		
1	Dorchester County	Sewer Line Rehab	4,034,983	2,017,491	2,017,492	9-11-09
2	Bennettsville, City	Sewer System Rehab	1,323,593	661,796	661,797	8-31-09
3	Florence, City	Regional WWTP Upg - Ph1	18,868,479	4,000,000	14,868,479	6-25-09
4	Walterboro, City	WW System & Bells Hwy PS Rehab	3,062,830	1,531,415	1,531,415	8-14-09
5	Orangeburg DPU	WWTP Imps and Line Rehab	4,280,163	2,140,081	2,140,082	8-5-09
6	Newberry, City	Bush River WWTP Upg & Exp	19,236,065	4,000,000	15,236,065	6-24-09
Total Closed				14,350,783		

DWSRF			Total Loan Amt	ARRA Loan \$	Reg Loan \$	Closing Date
				8,970,000		
1	Lex Joint MWSC	Boiling Springs Water Main Ext	1,024,919	512,459	512,460	8/26/2009
2	Powersville WD	Water Main Ext - Shackelburg Loop	1,127,452	563,726	563,726	7/10/2009
3	Orangeburg, City	Highway 40 Water Main Rehab	982,514	491,257	491,257	8-5-09
4	Bennettsville, City	Water Supply Upg & Line Replace.	2,314,785	1,157,392	1,157,393	8-31-09
Total Closed				2,724,834		

Stimulus Activities Update SC Energy Office (SCEO) – September 2009

Energy Retrofits (Schools, Colleges, Agencies)

\$40,000,000

Grants and loans will be issued to public school districts, public colleges and universities, and state agencies for the purpose of reducing the burden of

energy bills for taxpayers, improving energy efficiency, creating and/or retaining jobs, and reducing greenhouse gases.

For more information and a list of approved grant applications go to <http://www.energy.sc.gov/index.aspx?m=39&t=117>

Local Government Energy Efficiency and Conservation **\$5,756,100**

Energy efficiency and conservation sub-grants will be awarded to units of local government that are not among the 10 largest cities and 10 largest counties in the state. Collaborate with the ten Councils of Government (COGs) within the state to distribute these funds.

For more information go to, <http://www.energy.sc.gov/index.aspx?m=39&t=119>

South Carolina Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program **\$4,298,000**

Rebates will be offered to South Carolina consumers for the purchase of ENERGY STAR appliances. This program is expected to launch in early 2010.

Manufactured Housing Study **\$3,040,000**

In anticipation of future funding from utilities or carbon control measures enacted by Congress, SCEO seeks to determine which approaches to residential energy efficiency are most effective in the rural, generally lower-income population areas of South Carolina in order to assist with lowering energy consumption in the state.

Competitive Renewable Energy Grants Program **\$2,817,000**

Grant funding is available for South Carolina non-profit organizations for renewable energy projects and advanced vehicle technologies. Awards are scheduled to be made by 12/31/09.

For more information go to <http://www.energy.sc.gov/index.aspx?m=39&t=130>

SC Clean Green Investment Incentives **\$2,800,000**

Grants made under this program will allow qualifying businesses to improve energy efficiency or support renewable energy development at their new or existing facilities.

Energy Technical Assistance Program **\$1,513,510**

SCEO will reduce energy use and increase energy efficiency by providing technical assistance to public, non-profit and private sector entities through energy assessments and energy audits, consultations on equipment purchases and project implementation, and guidance for performance contracting and benchmarking energy consumption.

Energy Efficiency Training Collaborative **\$910,000**

A partnership with the SC Technical College System, this project will increase the amount of energy-related training provided to the labor force of the state.

Energy Assurance Capabilities and Planning for Smart Grid Resiliency **\$611,034**

Working with the Governor's Office, the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Emergency Management Division, and the Division of State Information Technology, this program will enhance state and local government energy assurance planning and resiliency efforts, especially as they pertain to new technologies and Smart Grid applications. .

Multi-Tenant Metering Efficiency Assessment and Demonstration **\$560,000**

SCEO will determine the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of sub metering multi-tenant buildings, using several state government buildings as case studies.

Agricultural Energy Extension **\$236,000**

SCEO will work to educate extension agents and others about energy efficiency and energy diversification opportunities for the agricultural sector and will provide a grants specialist to directly assist members of the agricultural community in developing energy grant applications.

Utility/Small Business Energy Efficiency Equipment Partnership **\$70,000**
SCEO will match utility expenditures to purchase energy efficiency equipment (blower door, duct blaster, thermography) for small contractors seeking to enter the home energy efficiency business.

Biodiesel and Ethanol Fuel Quality Assistance **\$50,721**
The SCEO will work to reduce fossil fuel emissions by increasing the use of biofuels through marketing assistance and quality control testing.

Energy Efficiency Workshops and Education **\$30,000**
SCEO will develop or secure courses and/or information resources to train a range of professionals in energy efficiency measures for particular sectors, allowing them to assist their clients in becoming more energy efficient. Workshop and education plans are expected to be developed by early 2010.

Statewide Public Library Energy Outreach **\$11,000**
SCEO will partner with the state's public libraries to provide posters and other informational materials, suggested speaker topics, and FAQs about home energy conservation. In addition, libraries will be provided with one or more "Kill-A-Watt" or similar energy use meters so that patrons may check them.

Green Building Directory Expansion **\$9,000**
In partnership with others, SCEO will expand the online Green Building Directory of products and services pertinent to building more energy efficient buildings.

Energy Star Manufactured Housing Initiative **\$5,000**
SCEO will partner with the Manufactured Housing Institute of South Carolina and the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina to increase awareness of energy efficiency in manufactured housing by promoting the new state financial incentives for ENERGY STAR manufactured homes.