

Nebraska

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

2009 State Energy Program (SEP) Overview

State Energy Program: \$30,910,000

The summary below encompasses the elements of the State Energy Program plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy for review on May 11, 2009. No activities can be undertaken until the U.S. Department of Energy approves the state plan.

Dollar & Energy Saving Loans

ARRA Funds: \$11,000,000 Leveraged Funds: \$3,666,667
Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 135 Estimated Annual Energy Savings: 113.1 million Mbtus

- Funds will be added to the existing Dollar & Energy Saving Loan Program.
- \$11 million for 2.5% loans for commercial and industrial sector building improvements, including K-12 schools. Maximum loan amount: \$750,000.

Advanced Renewable Energy Demonstration Projects

ARRA Funds: \$5,000,000 Leveraged Funds: \$1,000,000
Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 65 Estimated Annual Energy Savings: 65 million Mbtus

- Proposals will be requested through a competitive solicitation for innovative renewable energy projects.
- One to five projects may be selected for funding.

State Building Energy Efficiency

ARRA Funds: \$10,000,000 Leveraged Funds: 0
Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 110 Estimated Annual Energy Savings: 143 million Mbtus

- \$6 million will fund energy efficiency building improvements on the University of Nebraska, State and Community College campuses.
- \$4 million will fund energy efficiency improvements in state government buildings under the management of the Administrative Services State Building Division.

Building Energy Code Training and Enforcement

ARRA Funds: \$315,000 Leveraged Funds: 0
Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 5 Estimated Annual Energy Savings: 152.4 million Mbtus

- The Energy Office will provide information on residential and commercial building energy codes, and conduct training and certification of city and county code officials and members of the construction industry.
- Update the state's building energy codes as appropriate.
- Upgrade the state's efforts on building energy code compliance and inspections.

Renewable Energy Curriculum

ARRA funds: \$1,910,000 Leveraged funds: 0
Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 21 Estimated Annual Energy Savings: 0 Mbtus

- This activity will develop renewable energy curricula at Nebraska's technical community colleges.

Consumer Information on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

ARRA funds: \$585,000 Leveraged funds: 0
Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 7 Estimated Annual Energy Savings: 0 Mbtus

- The Energy Office will develop and distribute information on energy efficiency and renewable energy choices so that Nebraskans can make wise decisions on their energy use. The information will be distributed electronically and in written formats.

Administration, Evaluation, Monitoring and Reporting

ARRA funds: \$2,100,000

Leveraged funds: 0

Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 23

Estimated Annual Energy Savings: 0 Mbtus

- The Energy Office will administer ARRA funds, monitor grants and report on required activities. The Energy Office will make periodic on-site inspections of ARRA-funded projects to document progress and compliance with ARRA-funded contracts. The state's Dollar and Energy Savings Loan program will also be evaluated.