



American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act – 2009

New Hampshire
State Energy Programs

Building Code Compliance Program

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Overview of ARRA at OEP



\$58,638,594 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to the NH Office of Energy and Planning for Energy Programs

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Federal Low-Income Weatherization Program

\$23,218,594 (in addition to \$2,533,628 under standard formula) with OEP oversight

- Funds obligated beginning May 2009
- Funds to be spent over 3 years
- OEP to contract with [6 Community Action Agencies](#) (who may subcontract with private companies for auditing and installation)
- Hiring and training underway for expanded energy auditor and work crew capacity
- Average investment per home is increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500
- Household eligibility increased from 150% of federal poverty guidelines to 200% of federal poverty guidelines
- Strict reporting, including [Davis Bacon](#) wage rates, required for weatherized homes, measures installed, jobs retained or created, and uses of ARRA funds

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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

\$9,593,500 competitive grant program available to NH municipalities and counties with OEP oversight. Additional \$2,929,400 in formula-based grants to NH's [10 most populated municipalities](#), disbursed directly from US Department of Energy

The program seeks to:

- Reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions in municipalities
- Improve energy efficiency in buildings, transportation, and other areas as determined by municipalities

Proposed program overview:

- Municipal energy inventories, energy planning services, and education for all towns
- Competitive loans or grants available regionally to address most pressing energy needs
- Strict reporting required for all programs and projects: jobs retained or created, energy saved, emissions reduced, other milestones and metrics
- Funds to be spent over 3 years
- [Davis Bacon](#) wage rates apply
- Work in public buildings must comply with "[Buy American](#)" provisions for use of iron, steel, and manufactured goods

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State Energy Program (SEP)

\$25,827,000 distributed with OEP oversight to public, private, and non-profit entities for sixteen Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Projects and Programs:

Program and project category areas:

- Buildings – Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Transportation – State Fleets
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Public Policy for EE/RE
- Innovative Initiatives – EE/RE
- Strict reporting required for all programs and projects: jobs retained or created, energy saved, emissions reduced, other milestones and metrics
- All funds must be expended by April 30, 2012
- [Davis Bacon](#) wage rates apply
- Work in public buildings must comply with "[Buy American](#)" provisions for use of iron, steel, and manufactured goods

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Overview of ARRA-SEP

16 Programs:

Building Code Compliance

Business and Commercial EE/RE Loan/Grant Program

Community College System of NH – EE/RE Program

Expanded Alternative Fueled Vehicle/Rideshare

Expanded Business Energy Efficiency Program

Expanded Procurement Standards

Expanded Renewable Energy Program

Feasibility Studies and Training Program

First Time Homebuyer's Energy Efficiency Program

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Small Business EE/RE loan/grant program

State Buildings EE/RE program

University System of NH EE/RE Building Projects

Overview of ARRA-SEP

Rigorous Reporting Requirements

- Jobs
- Energy Saved
- Emissions Reduced

Reports due to DOE 10 days after the end of the quarter (therefore, OEP needs data 5 days after the end of the quarter); monthly reports due to NH-Office of Economic Stimulus

Overview of ARRA-SEP

Davis Bacon Wage Requirements

Buy American Provisions – Iron, Steel, and
Manufactured Goods

Historic Preservation

National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
and...

Assurance that we'll achieve 90% compliance
of the 2009 IECC by 2017

Overview of ARRA-SEP

All funds must be expended by April 30, 2012

No supplanting of funds

Explanation of the Building Code Compliance Program

Create a roadmap to achieve 90%
compliance of the 2009 IECC within 8 years

Explanation of Building Code Compliance Program

Train and mobilize building professionals:

- Building Inspectors and Code Officials
- Architects and Designers
- Contractors – construction, insulation, electricians and plumbers, etc

Explanation of the Building Code Compliance Program

Develop an enforcement policy for 2009 IECC

Explanation of the Building Code Compliance Program

Establish a review process to monitor and track compliance of the 2009 IECC

Explanation of the Building Code Compliance Program

Develop a public awareness campaign:

- Homeowners
- Landlords
- Commercial property owners

to understand the value of the energy code
and why there may be new fees and
charges for permits and work

Funding

Up to \$600,000 over three years

Invoice Reimbursement process

**OEP seeks an entity to run
this program**

Request for proposal will be available in
August

Proposals due before or after September 11
NH Building Code Review Board meeting?

Administrator chosen by October 15, 2009

Questions:

Missing components to the program?

More public access to code books?

Questions:

How proscriptive should the RFP be?

Experience of administrator?

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