

New Hampshire Implementation -American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Program Title: **State Energy Program**

Short Description: For commercial, residential and government energy programs.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$3,100,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: \$25,827,000

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Managing Agency: Office of Energy and Planning (“OEP”)

Status: Guidance issued on March 26, 2009

Award Criteria: Use of funds must be outlined in amended state plan; could include grants, loans, transfers to state agencies and authorities. New Hampshire must make certain energy related assurances to qualify for these funds.

Time Line for use: Awaiting federal guidance

Details: ARRA - page 24.

The Office of Energy and Planning manages the State Energy Program (SEP). Under the ARRA, they believe that this program will receive approximately \$28.7 million in funding. Presently, OEP has some discretion on how SEP funds are distributed; however, the guidance from the Department of Energy for these additional funds has not yet been released. The guidance should be available in the next few weeks. New guidelines are likely to be similar to the mandatory requirements in the 2008 guidance. They are as follows:

- Establish mandatory lighting and efficiency standards for public buildings;
 - Promote carpools, vanpools, and public transportation;
 - Incorporate energy efficiency criteria into procurement procedures;
 - Implement mandatory thermal efficiency standards for new and renovated buildings;
 - Permit right turns at red lights and left turns from one-way street onto a one-way street at a red light after stopping; and
 - Ensure effective coordination among various local, State, and Federal energy efficiency, renewable energy and alternative transportation fuel programs within the state.
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- These are the only mandatory activities, with additional tasks left up to the discretion of the State Energy Office. The Department of Energy suggests different programs for inclusion into the State Plans.
 - State Office of Energy and Planning Recovery web site:
<http://www.nh.gov/oep/recovery/>

All information is the best available as of 5/7/09 and is subject to change. Estimated funds may change significantly as federal agencies finalize allocations and/or competitive grants are awarded.