

State Energy Program

Total Funding Available: \$3.1 billion

N.C. Funding Available: \$76 million

Overview:

The State of North Carolina has submitted a proposed plan to the U.S. Department of Energy. The State breaks down its \$76 million share into the following six categories:

- (1) Supporting small business and industry through energy savings (\$12 million)
- (2) Growing North Carolina's green workforce (\$8.5 million)
- (3) Creating an energy investment revolving loan fund (\$20 million)
- (4) Improving government energy efficiency (\$9 million)
- (5) Promoting residential energy efficiency and renewable energy (\$12 million)
- (6) Fostering renewable energy technology and resource innovation (\$14 million)

Proposed activities to be funded of interest to local governments include continuing education for building inspectors to improve code implementation and enforcement; energy education and training programs for governmental, residential, commercial, industrial, non-profit, and transportation sectors; energy use assessments; and energy plan development.

In addition, the State proposes to establish an energy revolving loan fund to provide no- and low-interest loans to businesses, non-profits, local governments, public schools, community colleges, state agencies, and state universities. The fund will provide loans of up to \$1 million for terms of up to ten years. Eligible projects will include renewable energy initiatives, other energy-saving measures, and performance contract term buy-downs.

Special Factors:

The State Energy Office has submitted a plan to the U.S. DOE. After receiving approval, the Office will begin soliciting Requests for Proposals.

How to Access Funding: The N.C. Solar Center can serve as the state resource for assistance in applying for these funds. Visit the N.C. Solar Center website for complete details: www.engr.ncsu.edu/ncsc/energy-stimulus.

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