

State Energy Program Funding

State Energy Program (SEP) Description: The stimulus bill provides \$3.4 billion for State Energy Programs. The Wyoming State Energy Program is housed in the Wyoming Business Council. The Wyoming Business Council estimates Wyoming is eligible for \$20.4 million based on a formula grant. The funding has pre-conditions that the Governor provides certain assurances relative to utility policy and building energy code upgrades. There is no match requirement. The funds, which must be used by September 2010, can be used for:

- Expansion of existing energy efficiency programs and retrofits.
- Expansion of existing programs to support renewable energy projects and deployment through grants, performance incentives, loans etc.
- Purchase of equipment and materials for energy efficacy measures.

Current Wyoming State Energy Program: Current programs include:

- **Wyoming Energy Conservation Improvement Program (WYECIP).** A performance contracting-based energy efficiency program for government buildings.
- **Wyoming Home Performance with Energy Star.** Wyoming SEP contracts with the Wyoming Energy Council, a weatherization provider, to manage the Wyoming Home Performance with Energy Star effort and training of contractors.
- **Anemometer Loan Program.** Allows landowners to gauge wind power development potential of their properties. Twenty-seven sites across Wyoming have been tested so far, several of which have entered into wind power development agreements
- **Residential Photovoltaic Grant Program.** This program has promoted the installation of residential solar electric systems through grants.
- **Building Energy Codes.** The Wyoming SEP has contracted with Building Codes Assistance Program to conduct stakeholder meetings, identify barriers and benefits, produce informational brochures, organize and conduct training on building energy codes.
- **Training and Public Information on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.**