Future Funding: Effective Models for Leveraging Public Funds

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Leveraging Utility/State Energy Efficiency Program Funding

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Overview

• National and state utility-sector energy efficiency funding levels
• ARRA guidance on working with existing programs
• Working with utility sector programs
• Next steps/action plan
U.S. Combined Electric and Gas Program Budgets, 2006–2009

Source: Consortium for Energy Efficiency 2009 Industry Report
Figure 4  U.S. Energy Efficiency and Load Management Budgets by Region, 2009, Electric and Gas Combined

Source: Consortium for Energy Efficiency 2009 Industry Report
Figure 7 U.S. Electric Program Budgets per Capita by State, 2009, Energy Efficiency Only (Excludes Load Management)

Source: Consortium for Energy Efficiency 2009 Industry Report
Projected Ratepayer-Funding for EE

- Low
- Med
- High

“Supplement, don’t supplant”

Intent of Congress to work with existing programs where possible

EECBG projects not explicitly limited by cost-effectiveness tests
  - State/utility programs typically have explicit cost-effectiveness criteria

EECBG grant dollars can pay for measures that may not be cost-effective in utility programs
Public benefits funds (PBFs, in ~20 states)
- Defined dollar amounts collected via utility bills
- Administration may be via utilities, state agencies, or third parties
- Funding levels drive program activity
- Attribution and cost-effectiveness less closely tracked
- Program designs can be more flexible and creative

Implication for EECBG grantees: work with PBF administrators to help shape future programs
**“Flavors” of State/Utility EE Program Funding**

- Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (~19 states)
  - Legislated long term savings targets drive programs
  - Funding/rate impact caps may also apply
  - Programs can be administered by utilities or others, but utilities are held accountable
  - Attribution and cost-effectiveness regulated by state utility commissions

**Implication for EECBG grantees:** Work with program planners to offer new ways to meet savings goals
“Flavors” of State/Utility EE Program Funding

• Regulatory-process DSM
  – No pre-set funding or savings levels
  – Utilities file plans for overall resources and program portfolios
  – Programs are administered by utilities or contractors
  – Attribution and cost-effectiveness are examined very closely

Implication for EECBG grantees: Work with regulatory process to help shape program models to serve local government needs
• Contact your local utility to find out what programs are available/what measures they cover
• Design your future projects to supplement utility program funds
  – Example: utility program provides rebates for lighting and air conditioning equipment; use municipal program to install building envelope and heating equipment
• Work with your utility to tailor future programs to local government needs
Market-Focused Programs

• Partner with utilities to:
  – Help promote and supplement EECBG programs
  – Directly administer programs
  – Promote utility programs as complementary to EECBG
    • Example: EECBG program focuses on comprehensive home energy retrofits; utility program provides incentives for air conditioning and duct sealing, and subsidizes energy audits; grantee works with the utility to coordinate program promotion and operations, and may directly process utility rebates.
Utilities as Key Data Sources

- Benchmarking and reporting: utilities may be willing to provide customer billing data for initial benchmarking, and for periodic reporting as EECBG requires.
- Some utilities are moving to automated benchmarking, which allows electronic billing data retrieval through EPA’s ABS web facility.
Other Issues in Working with Utilities

- Coordination: any good relationship takes a lot of communication. It can take time and effort to gain and sustain effective working relationships among programs in the field.

- Attribution: where EECBG and utility funds are committed in the same markets, and sometimes on the same projects, agreements may need to worked out so that each party gets appropriate savings credit for program reporting purposes.
Next Steps/Action Plan

1. Call your area utility if you have not already to find out what programs are available or in development.
2. If you have not finished program/project design, coordinate it with utility programs as appropriate.
3. If your program/project and the utility’s are already launched, work on coordinating promotion and operations as appropriate.
4. If utility programs are still in the planning stage, or if there are future opportunities to provide input, participate in those processes.
Where to Find Out More about Programs in Your State

- ACEEE’s State Energy Policy Website:

- Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy (DSIRE):
  [http://www.dsireusa.org/](http://www.dsireusa.org/)

- National Association of State Energy Officials:
  [http://www.naseo.org](http://www.naseo.org)
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Leveraging HUD Program Funding

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Overview

- HUD Programs to Leverage
- Considerations When Leveraging HUD Funding
- Next Steps
- Resources
- Future HUD Funding Sources
- Other Funding Sources
Leveraging HUD Funding

• Supports sustainable housing and community efforts
• Loans and grants for building or retrofitting housing for low- and moderate-income households
• Eligible uses, beneficiaries, and restrictions vary by program
• Points of contact vary by program
  – Housing and Community Development Departments, State Housing Finance Agencies, Public Housing Authorities, Nonprofits
• HUD encourages green building and energy efficiency improvements in properties
HUD Income Restrictions

- Many HUD Programs are to benefits low- and moderate-income household
- HUD Income Limits are updated each year and vary by geographic area
  - Posted to HUD User
    [http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html](http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html)
- For the HOME Program, a family of 4 in New York City
  - Very Low income limit is $39,600
  - Low income limit is $63,350
- For the HOME Program, a family of 4 in Bismarck, ND
  - Very Low income limit is $34,000
  - Low income limit is $54,440
HUD Programs to Leverage:

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
- Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)
- HOME Partnership Investment (HOME)
- Section 202 Housing for the Elderly
- Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities
- Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Program
- Public Housing Capital Fund
- HOPE VI Revitalization Grants
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

- ARRA funded, used to buy, fix up, and resell foreclosed and abandoned homes
- Grantees: State and local governments and nonprofits
  - [http://hudnsphelp.info/index.cfm?do=viewGranteeAreaResults](http://hudnsphelp.info/index.cfm?do=viewGranteeAreaResults)
- HUD encouraging green building and energy efficiency improvements in housing
- EECBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, support neighborhood revitalization efforts
- More info: [http://hudnsphelp.info](http://hudnsphelp.info)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Entitlement program, benefit low-income by revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, community facilities & services
- Grantees: Housing & Community Development Dept in State & Local gov’t
- EECBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, support neighborhood revitalization efforts
- More info:
  - [http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment)
Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

- Direct grants, decent housing and economic opportunities for low-income persons in Indian and Alaska Native communities
- Grantees: Indian tribes or tribal organizations
- EECBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, support neighborhood revitalization efforts
- More info:
Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

- Housing or housing services for low-income Indian families on Indian reservations and other Indian areas
- Grantees: Indian tribes & Alaskan Native villages
- Energy efficiency and conservation new addition to rehabilitation
- EECBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, audits
- More info:
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

• Largest Federal block grant to State & local gov’ts exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households

• Grantees: Housing & Community Development Dept in State & Local gov’t
  – http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/contacts

• EECBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, audits

• More info:
  – http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home
Section 202 Housing for Elderly

- Competitive funds; affordable housing with supportive services for the elderly
- Grantees: private nonprofits
- EECBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, audits
- More info:
Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities

- Competitive funds; affordable rental housing with supportive services for persons with disabilities
- Grantees: 501(c)(3) nonprofits
- EE CBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, audits
- More info:
Public Housing Capital Fund

- Competitive funds; development, financing, and modernization of public housing
- Grantees: Public Housing Authorities
- Leverage private sector funding or financing for energy conservation retrofit investments
- EECDG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, audits
- More info:
HOPE VI Revitalization Grants

- Improve severely distressed public housing through demo, rehab, replacement of housing and improve neighborhood
- Grantees: Public Housing Authorities
- EECBG can fund energy efficiency, green building measures, renewable energy technology, audits
- More info:
Considerations when Leveraging HUD Funds

- Understanding the Rules: HUD programs have a number of rules so it’s important to understand which rules apply when combining funding sources.
- Subsidy Layering: Some HUD programs require a subsidy layering analysis when combining funding sources.
- Coordination: Any good relationship takes a lot of communication. It can take time and effort to gain and sustain effective working relationships with other agencies or organizations.
Next Steps

1. Call your local program contacts, such as the Housing and Community Development Department in your local or state government, to determine opportunities for supporting energy efficiency and green building efforts.

2. If local agencies have not developed an energy efficiency/green strategy, participate in those processes.

3. If local agencies have not yet begun designing or developing housing or energy efficiency/green, support those processes.
More Information on Leveraging HUD & Other Federal Resources

• HUD Green Homes & Communities
  – http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/greenhomes.cfm

• Bringing Home the Green Recovery
  – http://www.greenforall.org/resources/recoveryusersguide

• ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
Future HUD Funding

• Choice Neighborhoods
  – Transform distressed neighborhoods into sustainable, energy-efficient, mixed-income neighborhoods
  – Eligible Entities: Local governments, public housing authorities, nonprofits, for-profit developers with a public entity
  – Funds: Total available $65,000,000
    • Planning Grants: $250,000 individual grant max.
    • Implementation Grants: $31M individual grant max.
Future HUD Funding (con’t)

• Sustainable Communities Regional Planning
  – Improve regional planning, integrate housing & transportation decisions, improve land use & zoning
  – Eligible Entities: consortiums of local governments, regional planning agencies, nonprofits, Indian tribes
  – Funds: Total available $100,000,000
Foundation Databases/Directories by State

- **CA: Foundation & Grantmakers Directory.** Northern California Community Foundation, Inc.  
  [http://www.foundations.org/grantmakers.html](http://www.foundations.org/grantmakers.html)

- **CO: Financial Assistance.** Colorado Department of Local Affairs.  
  [http://www.dola.state.co.us/financial_assistance.html](http://www.dola.state.co.us/financial_assistance.html)


- **MA: Grantmakers in Massachusetts.** Fundsnet Online Services.  

- **MA/NH: Associated Grant Makers.** Associated Grant Makers.  
  [http://www.agmconnect.org](http://www.agmconnect.org)  
  The **Grant Makers Directory** is available to members only.

- **NH: Directory of Charitable Funds in New Hampshire.** New Hampshire Department of Justice.  

  [http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/charity/chardir.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/charity/chardir.htm)

- **NM: New Mexico Funding Directory (Database).** University of New Mexico's Office of the Vice Provost for Research.  
  [http://research.unm.edu/nmfd/index.cfm](http://research.unm.edu/nmfd/index.cfm)

- **NM: New Mexico Funding Directory. 6th ed.** University of New Mexico's Office of the Vice Provost for Research.  

- **SC: South Carolina Foundation Directory 2006.** South Carolina State Library.  

- **SD: South Dakota Grant Directory (Database).** South Dakota State Library.  
  [http://apps.sd.gov/applications/de100sdgrantdir/](http://apps.sd.gov/applications/de100sdgrantdir/)
Private Funding Databases

- **GuideStar** at: [http://www2.guidestar.org/AdvancedSearch.aspx](http://www2.guidestar.org/AdvancedSearch.aspx) allows you to search more than 1 million U.S. nonprofits by subject, category, keyword, state, nonprofit type, etc. to identify local or state organizations.

- **The Foundation Center.** [http://foundationcenter.org/](http://foundationcenter.org/)
  - **Foundation Funder** at: [http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/)
  - **Links to Private Foundation websites**, A-Z, Subject, Geographic, or Keyboard search at: [http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/topical/sl_dir.html](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/topical/sl_dir.html)
  - **Foundation Finder** at: [http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/)


- **Idealist.org** at: [http://www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org) allows you to search more than 40,000 nonprofit and community organizations in 165 counties by city, state, keyword, etc.

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