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Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants

Sometime within the next few weeks we expect the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement on the availability of “competitive” Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG.)

These will be grant monies available to local governments that, because of population size, are not eligible to receive direct allocations from the U.S. Department of Energy. DMME has estimated that a total of \$9.7 million in competitive block grants will be available to local governments. DMME expects to file its application with the U.S. Department of Energy on or before June 25 and receive approval to begin the process to distribute competitive grants to localities about a month later.

To help localities get ready to prepare their applications for competitive EECBG funds, DMME has provided VACo with the attached materials. They include sample applications from large “entitlement” localities and other helpful information. Although the format of the samples will not be the same as the format used in the DMME process to distribute money to smaller localities, the examples still be useful guides about what to expect.

[EECBG Application Steps](#)

[EECBG Sample Application](#)

[EECBG Application Package](#)

[EECBG Application Transportation](#)

[EECBG PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Information is also available at these Web links

www.eecbg.energy.gov/about/default.html

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www.eecbg.energy.gov/solutioncenter/default.html

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