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Indiana's Office of Energy Offering Conservation Grants

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced today that the Office of Energy Development is now accepting applications for the Community Conservation Challenge (CCC) grants. This \$500,000 grant program will fund community-wide energy projects. Applications are due Nov. 15 by 12 p.m.

Local units of government, school corporations, businesses and nonprofit agencies in Indiana are eligible to apply for this federally funded grant. Projects that are related to energy efficiency, renewable energy and alternative fuel vehicle retrofit are eligible to receive a grant.

“The Community Conservation Challenge supports projects that demonstrate great initiative among community leaders and private sector partners,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman
“The efficiencies that will be realized through these projects will have a lasting impact on our communities.”

CCC grants are competitive but do not require a local match. However, successful applicants will leverage local funds and obtain unique partnerships or involve multiple community organizations to complete their projects. The grants could range from \$25,000 to \$150,000 per project using the following eligible technologies:

- Alternative fuel vehicle fleets
- Combined heat and power
- Biomass
- Energy efficiency
- Geothermal
- Solar
- Traffic signal retrofits
- Waste management and recycling
- Water systems
- Hydropower
- Wind energy

CCC projects must also demonstrate measurable improvements in energy efficiency or renewable energy, result in a reduction in energy demand, fuel consumption or petroleum use, or involve the implementation of an energy recycling process.

In 2011 the CCC program awarded grants to Logan Community Resources, Inc., Monroe County and the Affordable Housing Corporation of Marion.

The CCC grant program will use federal funds administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development. Applications for the 2012 CCC grant program are being accepted online between Oct. 5 and Nov. 15. Program Guidelines are also available online at www.energy.IN.gov.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.