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Recovery Act Funds Promote Green Jobs and Energy Efficiency
\$4.5 Million Energy Efficiency Block Grants Help Schools, Local Governments

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Energy Office today announced that an additional \$4.5 million in federal Recovery Act funding for energy efficiency grants has been awarded to 34 local governments, community colleges and local school districts to help save on fuel and utility bills and create jobs. The 17 grants are the second round distribution of money to local agencies in North Carolina. More than \$16.4 million has been distributed to 138 local governments, public school systems and community colleges.

The grants program is administered by the North Carolina Energy Office, part of the state's Department of Commerce, to encourage energy conservation and economic investment in counties, municipalities, community colleges and public schools.

The grants have been awarded as follows:

- **Brunswick County/Boiling Spring Lakes** -- \$170,024 upgrade to energy efficient lighting and install room occupancy sensors. Total cost of the project is \$252,062.
- **Caldwell Community College** -- \$301,701 to upgrade lighting to dimmable LED and install direct digital controls for building energy consumption automation. Total cost of the project is \$322,559.
- **Cleveland Community College** -- \$227,853 to upgrade to energy efficient lighting. Total cost of the project is \$230,353.
- **Davidson County Community College and Davidson County Public Schools** -- \$179,832 to upgrade lighting in a gym and install a more energy efficient chiller. Total cost of the project is \$276,664.
- **Gastonia (Gaston County)** -- \$257,227 to upgrade to more energy efficient lighting and heating and cooling systems. Total cost of the project is \$357,227.
- **Graham (Alamance County)** -- \$102,553 to upgrade lighting, add programmable thermostats, weatherize and install room occupancy sensors. Total cost of the project is \$118,250.
- **Guilford Technical Community College** -- \$109,000 to upgrade lighting and heating and cooling systems. Total cost of the project is \$893,220.
- **Halifax Community College** -- \$219,093 to upgrade to energy efficient lighting. Total cost of the project is \$245,254.

- **Jones County/Jones County Schools** -- \$403,164 to upgrade lighting, install energy efficient motors and remote energy consumption monitors and controls. Total cost of the project is \$460,740.
- **Kernersville (Forsyth County)** -- \$497,869 to improve heating and cooling systems, improve lighting and water consumption efficiency. Total cost of the project is \$588,822.
- **Lee County Schools, Knightdale, Wayne County** -- \$413,544 to improve lighting efficiency, upgrade heating and cooling systems and install energy efficient motors for public swimming facilities.
- **Lexington (Davidson County)** -- \$172,921 to replace air conditioning units and motors. Total cost of the project is \$192,971.
- **Martin Community College/Williamston** -- \$106,378 to upgrade to energy efficient lighting and heating and air conditioning and other improvements.
- **Piedmont Community College (Person County)** -- \$187,794 to install room occupancy sensors, lighting timers, heating and cooling improvements and weatherization. Total cost of the project is \$342,711.
- **Plymouth (and 6 other communities)** -- \$406,564 to upgrade heat pumps, install energy efficient lighting, solar water heating and upgrade heating and cooling systems in seven communities and agencies including Plymouth, Castalia, Craven County schools, Duck, Parmele, Taylorsville and Windsor . Total cost of the projects is \$834,539.
- **Wake Forest (and 6 other communities)** -- \$495,506 to upgrade heating and air conditioning, retrofit lighting, improve weatherization and install solar panels in seven communities and agencies including Wake Forest, Apex and Morrisville. Total cost of the projects is \$585,358.
- **Washington (Beaufort County)** -- \$259,979 to upgrade lighting, install direct gas-fired air heating systems and ventilation timers. Total cost of the project is \$288,779.

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