



# PA Conservation Works!

Briefing for:  
Governor's Center for Local  
Government Services  
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# PA Conservation Works! Timeline

- Early July: Guidelines available to public on [recovery.pa.gov](http://recovery.pa.gov)
- July 17: Application window open (Environmental eGrants)
- August 14: Application window closed
- Mid October: Announce awards
- Late October – Mid-December: Execute grant agreements



# PA Conservation Works!

## Description of Program



# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Eligible Applicants for Energy Efficiency Projects
  - Local governments (county, city, borough, town, township)
  - Body authorized to act on behalf of two or more local governments (local development districts, councils of government)
  - Municipal authority
  - Qualified non-profit organizations
  - County conservation district
  - College or university

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Eligible Applicants for Renewable Energy Projects
  - Local governments (county, city, borough, township)
  - Body authorized to act on behalf of two or more local governments (local development districts, councils of government)
  - Municipal authority

**ANY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT MUST BE ON  
OR IN A GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUILDING**

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Not Eligible for PA Conservation Works!
  - Local governments receiving direct allocation from the Department of Energy
  - Schools, unless eligible non-profits
  - For-Profit Businesses
  - Individuals

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Approximately \$22.2 Million Available
  - 60% of funding reserved for smaller local governments
    - Boroughs, townships, cities <35,000
    - Counties <200,000
  - 40% of funding for smaller local governments and other eligible applicants

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Grant Amounts
  - Maximum grant amount per project: \$250,000
  - Maximum grant amount for multi-municipal projects: \$500,000
- Match
  - Not required, but strongly encouraged
  - Letters of financial support and other proof of expenditures required as part of application
  - Level of match part of scoring criteria

# PA Conservation Works!

## Guidelines

- Payment Terms

- Advance payment of 50% with executed grant
- Additional draw down of 25% with:
  - 1) Receipts showing payment of invoices for initial 50% advance payment
  - 2) Invoices identifying costs incurred for the next 25%

- Final Grant Payment

- Final 25% of grant award released after approval of remaining costs and successful project completion

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Eligible Projects

- Must be located in PA
- Must result in creation or retention of jobs
- **Must save at least:**
  - 25% of the energy use for the system being replaced; or
  - 25% of the entire facility or building; or
  - 25% of applicant's energy consumption; AND
  - \$1,000 in annual energy savings (entities with less than \$4,000 in annual energy bills not required to meet this requirement)

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- Eligible Projects – Applicants must:
  - Perform an energy assessment for all projects
  - Demonstrate preliminary work completed to ensure technical merit
  - Register with EPA's Energy Star Portfolio Manager (PM)
    - Must maintain energy consumption in PM
    - Must submit a completed One Year Follow Up Report using PM

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- What about audit or assessment costs?
  - Can be included within scope of project
    - Limited to \$30,000
    - Cannot apply for *only* audit or assessment; project must include deployment of energy saving technologies
  - Can be claimed as match
    - No limit of cost
    - Can be claimed for work completed on or after Feb. 17, 2009
  - May be reimbursed if applicant is granted an award
    - Limited to \$30,000
    - For work performed on or after DEP receives award from the Federal DOE (may be August 2009?)

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Types of ELIGIBLE Projects, including but not limited to:
  - EE Lighting
  - EE Retrofits of Existing Buildings
    - HE furnaces, boilers, air conditioning
    - EE ventilation systems, windows, sealing, insulation, and automated control systems
    - Combined heat and power
  - EE Upgrades at Wastewater Treatment Plants
  - Installation of Geothermal
  - Premium efficiency motors and variable speed drives
  - Deployment of renewable energy (solar, wind, biomass, etc.) **on or in government-owned buildings**
- Energy Star rated equipment must be used if available

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Types of **INELIGIBLE** Projects
  - Window air conditioning units
  - Through-wall air conditioning units
  - Outdoor wood furnaces and boilers
  - Wood, pellet, corn, or coal stoves
  - Waste oil fired heaters or furnaces

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- Types of **INELIGIBLE** Projects (continued)
  - Work related to NEW construction projects, including additions to buildings
  - Mobile source alternative fuels projects
  - Biofuels production projects
  - Projects for education, outreach, feasibility, or R&D
  - Other restrictions apply (see guidelines)

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

Projects must be completed  
within 18 months  
and prior to  
September 30, 2011

# PA Conservation Works! Guidelines

- Application Criteria - General
  - Applications submitted via eGrants
  - Original signature page mailed within 10 days of application submission
  - Must document energy savings
  - Must have a spending plan
    - 25% of funds within first 6 months
    - 50% of funds within first 9 months
    - 75% of funds within first 12 months

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- **Application Criteria – Match Information**
  - Letters of financial support required
  - Proof of expenditures for audit or assessment work required as part of application if claiming match (can claim match for work completed on or after Feb. 17, 2009)
  - Can use federal or other state agency sources of funding as match (only if received)
  - Cannot use other DEP sources of funding as match

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- Application Criteria – Wage Information
  - Projects in excess of \$25,000 may be subject to **PA's prevailing wage** – All prevailing wage questions should be referred to PA Department of Labor and Industry
  - Projects may also be subject to Federal laws regarding wages, e.g. laborers and mechanics

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- Application Criteria – Miscellaneous
  - If a multi-municipal project, must submit resolution with application
  - Proof of building permits required prior to grant execution (*but not prior to application*)
  - Project must be consistent with Keystone Principles
  - Applicants cannot have outstanding obligations to the Commonwealth
  - Grant applications subject to Right-To-Know

# Environmental e-Grants Application

- Standard application for all DCNR and some DEP grant programs that collects common information about applicant and project using standard naming conventions.
- SAP number requirement and DUNS requirement.
- Supplemental Forms with standard heading collect unique information by grant program.

# Electronic Grant Applications “eGrants”

- Online application required.
- Original signature pages must be mailed to the Rachel Carson State Office Building and received within 10 days of the Application Submission.
- Grants Customer Service Center  
phone number 1-800-326-7734

**Application deadline: applications must be submitted on-line by August 14, 2009, at 4:00 PM**

- eGrants Demo NOW LIVE—try it out!  
[www.grantsdemo.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.grantsdemo.dcnr.state.pa.us)
- eGrants Production Site –  
[www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us)

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For more detailed information on the various grants offered by the DEP and DCNR, please visit the following grant program websites:

- [DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program \(C2P2\)](#)
- [DCNR Wild Resource Conservation Program](#)
- [DCNR Heritage Area Grants](#)
- [DCNR Volunteer Fire Assistance](#)
- [DCNR TreeVitalize](#)
- [DEP Coastal Zone Management](#)
- [DEP Community Cleanup Grant](#)

# PA Conservation Works!

- Resources for Applicants regarding PA Conservation Works!
  - [recovery.pa.gov](http://recovery.pa.gov)

# PA Conservation Works!

- Resources for Applicants regarding eGrants Submittal Process
  - Grants Customer Service Center
    - 1-800-326-7734
    - [DCNR-grants@state.pa.us](mailto:DCNR-grants@state.pa.us)
    - Via “Get Help” screen in eGrants

# Additional Energy Funding Sources

- [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)
  - Keyword: energy/green technology programs
- [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Thank You!

Questions