

# **Energy Efficiency & Conservation for Local Governments**

## **Department for Local Government**

### **Project Description**

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation for Local Governments (EECLG) program builds on the work started with the Kentucky Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, a highly successful federally-funded initiative launched three years ago to help local governments become more energy efficient. Through this program over 120 local governments across Kentucky participated and benefited from energy efficiency improvements.

EECLG will provide a new round of funding to local governments in the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) service area. The Cabinet awarded a \$1.2 million grant to the Department for Local Government (DLG) to support the EECLG program. The award will be used to support energy efficient and renewable energy projects designed to lower utility costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for Kentucky's local governments.

Grants provided through the EECLG program will range between a \$10,000 minimum to a maximum of \$100,000 each. Local governments must provide a minimum match of 20 percent (20%) for each project. Only county and city governments are eligible to apply for funding, however, a local government may apply on behalf on a non-profit agency within their jurisdiction. Multi-jurisdictional projects may request an amount not to exceed the maximum grant amount multiplied by the number of jurisdictions involved in the project. DLG plans to award between 15 and 75 grants to local governments.

### **Project Objectives**

- Work with local governments to think comprehensively about energy consumption and how an overall plan can help lower utility payments.
- Provide grants to local governments to perform energy efficiency/and or renewable energy projects. Track and measure progress.

### **Timeline**

April 2013	Draft application process
April 2013 around	Publicize and announce the application process – Hold workshops the state to discuss the application process
June 2013	Application deadline
August 2013	DLG to Award Projects
September 2013	DLG to enter into contracts with successful local governments
December 2015	Projects implemented, completed, and reported on by local governments