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Unclaimed funds for appliance rebates up for grabs

Nearly \$1.7 million will be given on first-come, first-serve basis

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (July 15, 2010) – Today, at the GE Appliance Park, Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear announced that nearly \$1.7 million in unclaimed funds remain in the Kentucky Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. During phase one of the program, residents could ‘reserve’ rebates. Nearly half of Kentuckians who reserved a rebate have not purchased an appliance, making those unclaimed funds now available. Kentuckians are encouraged to quickly get in line for the unclaimed rebate funds, which will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Residents may apply for a rebate by visiting www.KYappliance rebates.com or by calling the toll-free number 877-813-3669.

“The bank of \$1.7 million in unclaimed funds is the perfect opportunity for Kentucky residents to capitalize on an effective, energy and money-saving program,” said Mrs. Beshear. “These funds won’t last long, so I encourage those who need to replace old, inefficient appliances to upgrade to ENERGY STAR models and take advantage of the rebate program while the money is still available.”

Under the program, Kentucky residents who buy an eligible ENERGY STAR replacement appliance from a Kentucky retailer may be eligible for a rebate. Kentucky is offering rebates on 16 ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances, including clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, water heaters, central air conditioners, air source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps, gas furnaces and gas boilers. This provides residents with the widest choices possible and represents appliances that account for 70 percent of typical household energy costs.

The purchase must replace an older, less efficient product with a qualified ENERGY STAR appliance purchased in Kentucky. Consumers purchasing a new ENERGY STAR replacement appliance and requesting a rebate are strongly encouraged to recycle their old appliance.

The program is funded by the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence (DEDI) through the U.S. Department of Energy. The rebates are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the goal of which is to stimulate job growth and reduce energy costs.

Consumers may only receive one rebate per product category. A rebate fulfillment company, under contract with the state, is reviewing all rebate requests for eligibility and is monitoring the program to ensure fraud prevention.

Appliances with an ENERGY STAR label have met strict energy efficiency guidelines set jointly by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These guidelines are designed to help consumers save money and to protect the environment. Further information and frequently asked questions may be found at <http://www.energy.ky.gov/recovery/rebate/>.

The Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program is designed to help achieve the goals of Gov. Steve Beshear's *Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future: Kentucky's 7-Point Energy Strategy*, and will be part of the effort to meet 18 percent of Kentucky's energy needs from efficiency improvements by 2025.

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