



## New York City Stimulus Tracker Pending Funding Requests

**Lead Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy  
**Application Submitted by:** Mayor's Office

**ARRA Funding Source:** Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

**Funding Source Description:** The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) provides grants to eligible cities, states, and other entities to fund projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and that improve energy efficiency.

**Grant Description:** The City of New York proposes to use a portion of the EECBG funding allocated to the city to establish a revolving loan fund. This new pilot program will help large building owners make cost-saving energy efficiency improvements in their buildings and meet our citywide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 30% by 2030.

**Grant Amount:** \$16 million (out of a total of \$80.8 million that the City will apply for by June 29, 2009)

**Anticipated benefits:** While energy efficiency measures that pay for themselves make sense in every building, a key challenge is often obtaining financing. To stimulate the economy in the near-term and provide green jobs, the City proposes to establish the Greener, Greater Buildings Loan Fund, which will be provided at no cost to New York City taxpayers.

The Fund will provide loans to owners of two categories of buildings over 50,000 square feet: financially distressed buildings, where the owner may have difficulty finding the capital to conduct the necessary audits and retrofits; and buildings where owners have already taken the first step towards decreasing their energy usage – conducting an energy audit – but need financing assistance to complete their “shovel-ready” retrofits. The Fund, expected to start lending in early 2010, will provide loans to meet up to 100% of the required audit and retrofit costs. The loan will be structured so that loan payments will be less than the projected energy savings, to ensure that building owners see the economic benefits of this investment. After the loan is paid back, the owner will continue to reap the benefits of energy savings for years to come. And as the initial loans are repaid, the Fund will be replenished, enabling additional building owners to borrow and further extend the benefits of the \$16 million funding.

The Greener, Greater Buildings Loan Fund will serve as an alternative to rent-based energy efficiency financing and an important model to private lenders by demonstrating the feasibility of a lending mechanism that finances energy efficiency improvements based on the savings generated from the associated reduction in energy costs.