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## **AEA Announces Alaska Small Cities Grants** **\$5.1 Million for Energy Efficiency and Conservation**

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) announced the opening of the application period for its Alaska Small Cities Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. One hundred forty-two local governments are eligible to apply for more than \$5.1 million in grant funding for energy efficiency and conservation improvements. The program is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The 142 entities included in this program are those boroughs and small incorporated cities that were not eligible for previous DOE block grant funding, which included larger cities and boroughs. For this program, AEA developed a funding formula that established a base of \$10,000 per eligible community plus additional funding based on population.

These grants can be used for energy audits and energy efficiency and conservation improvements to public facilities. AEA will provide technical assistance to communities needing help in identifying and implementing these improvements.

“This funding - even the smallest allocation in the smallest community - has the potential to produce energy savings,” said AEA Executive Director Steve Haagenson. “The program fits in well with AEA’s established efforts to promote energy efficiency and conservation, and I encourage eligible communities to apply.”

AEA must receive completed applications by 4:30 PM Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

Grant application documents, application instructions, a complete list of communities eligible for the Alaska Small Cities Block Grants and all contact information can be found at [www.akenergyauthority.org/eecbg.html](http://www.akenergyauthority.org/eecbg.html). Applicants may also contact Energy Efficiency and Conservation Project Manager Sean Skaling by e-mail at [sskaling@aidea.org](mailto:sskaling@aidea.org), or telephone (907) 771-3079.

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