

**Deadline:**  
**JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>**

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
**State Energy Office**  
**PUBLIC PROJECTS GRANT**

**Purpose:**

These grants will help cities and counties implement energy efficiency projects in public buildings that will result in reduced utility costs. The program supplements the existing Facility Conservation Improvement Program (FCIP) by focusing on projects that are (1) too small for FCIP or (2) include specific improvements that exceed the 30-year statutory payback period. The grants provide 60% of the total eligible cost, up to \$150,000.

**Eligible Applicants:**

Cities and counties in Kansas may apply for this grant. Cities and counties that received a direct allocation of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are not eligible for this grant.<sup>1</sup>

Grants will be awarded under two subject areas:

***Subject Area 1 - Small Projects***

To be eligible applicants must:

1. Own less than 100,000 square feet of total facility space.
2. Have a total annual utility budget of less than \$80,000.

***Subject Area 2 - Extended Payback***

To be eligible applicants must:

1. Have entered into an energy performance contract through FCIP.
2. Have one or more measures that were identified in the Investment Grade Audit that exceeded the 30 year statutory payback requirement.

**Eligible Projects:**

Projects are limited to improvements that provide measurable energy savings. Improvements must be identified through either an engineering study (for Small Projects) or an Investment Grade Audit (for Extended Payback). Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Lighting upgrades
- HVAC improvements
- Storm windows
- Building envelope enhancements (e.g., sealing windows and doors, adding insulation)
- Building controls (e.g., programmable thermostats)

**Payback Requirement:**

All projects submitted for this grant must generate enough energy savings to cover the cost of the applicant's total investment within a 30-year period. This can be determined by subtracting the amount of the grant award from the total cost of the project and then dividing that total by the annual energy savings:

$$(\text{Total Project Costs} - \text{Grant Amount}) / \text{Total Annual Energy Savings} \leq 30$$

If the resulting number is 30 years or less, then the project is eligible.

**Source of Funding:**

The State Energy Office (SEO) a division of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has established the Public Projects Grant Program, using \$2,664,074 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

<sup>1</sup>Counties that received funds directly from DOE: Butler, Cowley, Crawford, Finney, Johnson, Leavenworth, Lyon, Montgomery, Sedgwick, and Shawnee. Cities that received direct funds: Hutchinson, Kansas City, Lawrence, Lenexa, Manhattan, Olathe, Overland Park, Salina, Shawnee, Topeka, and Wichita.

**Reporting:**

These grants are subject to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, as well as ARRA reporting requirements. The grantee will receive all funds and provide all reports directly to the SEO. Reporting requirements include monthly payment requests with supporting documentation, as well as other data necessary to assess the success of the program.

**Energy Efficiency Building Codes:**

All applicants must commit to work towards the voluntary adoption of energy efficiency building codes in their local jurisdictions. The KCC formed the Energy Efficiency Building Codes Working Group to develop a plan to ensure compliance with this ARRA requirement by 2017. The SEO will assist grantees in meeting this requirement.

**Applying for Grant:**

1. Eligible applicants must submit a completed application package, which includes:
  - a. Public Projects Grant Application
  - b. Supporting documentation
2. Applications must be received by June 16, 2010, and will be reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

*Changes: The SEO may make changes as it evaluates the response to the program. These grant funds are a result of the ARRA and are subject to the availability and requirements in place at the time of award.*