

Power Fund Community Grant Applications Due

Applications for the Iowa Power Fund Community Grants program are due March 5, 2010. The grants are for community-based energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Through the program, cities, counties, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$50,000 to support community based programs. Some examples of qualified programs include promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy locally, training for or creating jobs in the energy arena, establishing a community energy efficiency plan, creating public awareness about energy issues, or helping community members understand how to identify and implement energy improvements.

Examples of previous community grants projects include:

- An energy study involving traffic patterns and the establishment of work hubs in Indianola.
- Renewable Fuels Education and Outreach for state wide impact.
- Whole Town Energy Efficiency evaluation, which will impact 17 or more small communities across the state.
- Job training in energy efficiency in Osage.
- K-12 education and renewable technology demonstration in Scott County.

Applications will be accepted by the Office of Energy Independence, c/o Jessica Turba, Program Planner, Wallace Building, 502 E 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50319.