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\$12 million in energy funds topic of public meetings

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CHEYENNE – The State Energy Office will travel the state this month to answer questions about \$12 million in federal stimulus funding for energy efficiency initiatives in Wyoming communities.

The Energy Office will hold public meetings around the state April 27-May 1 to provide city and county officials more information about the available funding. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced last month that 20 Wyoming towns and counties, both the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes and the State Energy Office may apply for federal energy efficiency grants through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.

“The purpose of this trip is to answer questions from all communities about the energy funding and how it may be put to good use. We look forward to working with the towns and counties on their energy efficiency projects and encourage members from all communities to participate in these meetings and ask questions,” said Tom Fuller, manager of the State Energy Program.

Public meetings are planned for:

- Cheyenne (for **Southeast Wyoming** including Goshen, Platte, Laramie and Albany Counties) - April 27, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Hershler Building, Room 1699.
- **Casper** - April 27, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Agriculture Resources and Learning Center, 2011 Fairgrounds Road.
- Gillette (for **Northeast Wyoming**) - April 28, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Northern Wyoming Community College, Gillette Campus, Medical Sciences Bldg. auditorium, 3801 College Drive.
- Buffalo (for **North Central Wyoming**) - April 28, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Johnson County Planning and Zoning Office meeting room, 26 North DeSmet Ave.
- Worland (for the **Big Horn Basin**) April 29, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Worland Fair Grounds meeting room.
- **Riverton** - April 29, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Riverton City Hall.
- **Jackson** - April 30, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Teton County. Commissioners meeting room.
- Kemmerer (for **Southwest Wyoming**) - April 30, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., South Lincoln County Training and Events Center, 215 Wyoming Highway 233.
- **Rock Springs** - May 1, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Western Wyoming Community College, Room 1302.
- Rawlins (for **South Central Wyoming**) - May 1, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Rawlins Depot/Main Street building, East Room

For a list of the communities and the funding they are eligible to apply for, please visit www.wyomingbusiness.org.

The State Energy Office is also eligible to apply for \$9.5 million, a portion of which would be made available to communities not directly eligible for the EECBG program. The application process for those cities, towns and counties will also be addressed at the public forums.