

Ritter announces \$10 million in "green" grants

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS (AP) - Gov. Bill Ritter announced \$10 million in grants to help municipalities and communities go [green](#) and reduce their carbon footprint.

The competitive grants, which will be doled out in \$2 million chunks in five regions across the state, will focus on helping develop [energy efficient](#) public facilities such as courthouses, city halls, and libraries, downtowns and homes.

Ritter announced the New Energy Communities Initiative grants Thursday during the Colorado Municipal League's conference. Applications must be in by Sept. 19.

The program directs money from Energy Impact Assistance Funds through a partnership between the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the Governor's Energy Office.

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