



Energy Block Grants Work!

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE EECBG



Elgin Creates Jobs by Investing In Energy Efficiency

The City of Elgin, Illinois is utilizing its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding **to develop grants, loans and comprehensive planning documents that will reduce fossil fuels emissions, reduce total energy use, and improve energy efficiency for residences, businesses and industries – all while creating new jobs.** These activities all fall under the scope of the City's Energy Efficient Elgin (E3) plan which leverages additional existing resources.

Elgin is using EECBG funding to ...

- **Hold a series of "E3" energy fairs over the next three years** to educate the community on EECBG project successes and ways to save energy, distribute sustainability literature, and provide a venue for subject matter experts to speak. Thousands of people attended the first E3 fair held in May 2010.
- **Establish a commercial grant program to help commercial property owners reduce electricity consumption and greenhouse gas emissions** through a series of energy efficiency retrofits.
- Establish a revolving loan program that will allow homeowners to access **no-interest loans** for energy efficient upgrades to their residences and **to pay back these loans through their water bills**, saving participants an estimated total of \$24,000 annually in energy costs.

For more information about Elgin's EECBG activities, contact Jennifer Fritz-Williams at (847) 931-6004, or fritz-williams_j@cityofelgin.org.

Impact on Elgin, IL

- \$1 million in EECBG funding
- 35 jobs to be created or retained
- 3,915 megawatt-hours of energy conserved
- 3,698 metric tons of CO₂e emissions prevented



Organized by Climate Communities, the Energy Block Grants Work! campaign is showcasing how cities and counties across America are using federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) dollars to create jobs, save energy, and reduce carbon pollution. For more information, visit www.energyblockgrants.org.