



Energy Block Grants Work!

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE EECBG



Washtenaw County Builds Regional Capacity to Save Energy

Washtenaw County, Michigan has leveraged its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding to strengthen regional capacity for energy efficiency initiatives. This strategy is already paying lucrative dividends. The Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office – established with formula EECBG funds from Washtenaw and other nearby municipalities – recently **partnered with Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth to obtain a \$30 million EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.**

Washtenaw County is using EECBG funding to ...

- **Install a demonstration solar photovoltaic system** that will not only produce zero-carbon renewable energy, but also serve as a catalyst to enhance public education about solar energy throughout the County.
- Create a **Community-Wide Energy Financing Program to provide low-cost financing to homeowners** for investments in distributed renewable generation or energy efficiency retrofits.
- Enhance regional cooperation by **establishing the Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office** and developing a Comprehensive Washtenaw County Energy Policy.

For more information about Washtenaw County's EECBG activities, contact Brett Lenart at (734) 222-3860, or lenartb@ewashtenaw.org.

Impact on Washtenaw County, MI

- \$766,690 in EECBG funding
- 39 jobs to be created or retained
- Up to 7,500 metric tons of CO₂e emissions prevented annually
- An estimated 7,426 MWh of electricity saved



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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.