



virginia summit on energy opportunities

A Briefing on Relevant Programs

To

Tidewater Builders Association



Stimulus Funding Drivers

- Fact:
 - 1973 Energy dependence = 30%
 - Nixon warned of dependence on Foreign Oil
 - Today's Energy dependence = 60%
 - Buildings provide 40% of GHGs
 - Weatherization, Energy Efficiency is Low Hanging Fruit
 - Challenges
 - Getting money out quickly (existing mechanisms)
 - Spent Wisely (www.recovery.gov)
- Labor Departments are critical component
- VA received \$37 mil (total is \$94 mil) in Weatherization (8600 homes)
- \$70 mil in energy retro-fits + \$61 mil in energy efficiency block grant

Summit Topics

- Accessing stimulus funding for Low income households and weatherization
- Stimulus funds for state and local governments
- Funding for innovative projects, such as smart grid and technology updates
- Keynote Speakers
 - Senator Mark R. Warner
 - Deputy Secretary of Energy, Daniel B. Poneman

Accessing Stimulus Funding

- **Molly Lunn** (Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, DOE)
 - Weatherization a major priority (historical funding = \$278 mil vs current = \$5 bil)
 - Distributed via established formulas to states and distributed to Sub-grantees
 - Go from 100,000 homes/year to 1 million
- **Bill Shelton** (Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development)
 - Qualify (200% of poverty from 150%)
 - Looking into opportunity for Multi-family housing
 - Opportunity for Affordable Housing Provider
 - Public Housing through 29 Public Housing authorities

Accessing Stimulus Funding

- **Edith Jones** (Executive Director, Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project)
 - Largest Low-income weatherization program
 - Large vendor database
- **Lars Peterson** (Rebuild Together)
 - 501(c) 3 Organization
 - Weatherizing homes for 30 yrs
 - Veterans program co-sponsored with Sears

Stimulus Funds for state and local governments

- Molly Lunn (US DOE)
- State Energy Programs - funds for states to promote energy efficiency (Energy efficiency construction on State and Municipal buildings)
 - Weatherization
 - Energy Efficiency and Block Grants (Local government grants)
 - VA = \$16 mil, Cities and counties = \$44.6mil
 - Hampton=\$1.4, Newport News=\$1.8mil, Norfolk=\$2.5mil, Virginia Beach=\$4.0mil
 - Deadline for application extended from 6/25-8/10
 - Competitive Grants – in-eligible entities qualify
 - Innovative Government Programs

Stimulus Funds for state and local governments

- **Steve Walz** (Senior Advisor to Gov. Kaine/Director DMME)
 - \$15mil in rebates for residential and commercial consumers for energy efficiency projects (20% up to a cap)
 - \$15mil tax rebates for renewable energy programs (solar or photovoltaic, small wind systems)
 - \$10mil to localities to do renewable energy projects
 - \$13mil for State renewable energy projects (Public-Private partnerships)
 - \$10mil into solid waste to fuel projects
 - \$10mil into growing Green Business in VA (incentives for companies to create jobs in VA, through VEC)
 - \$6.8mil for Appliance Rebates to match with Utility rebates for Energy Star Appliances

Stimulus Funds for state and local governments

- **Cynthia Adams**, (Climate Protection Program Coordinator, City of Charlottesville, Department of Public Works)
 - Theoretical model for building Green Jobs through retrofit market for energy efficiency
 - Based on Home Performance with Energy Star
- **Senator Frank Wagner**
 - Comprehensive Energy Plan for Virginia
 - Increase in application of Nuclear Energy
 - Likely Wind Energy as future

Closing Remarks & Questions

For more information on this summit visit
<http://warner.senate.gov/energy>