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Governor Bill Richardson Announces \$8.1 Million in Stimulus Funds for Counties, Cities and Towns

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced more than \$8.1 million in federal stimulus funds to improve energy efficiency in counties, cities and towns across New Mexico. A total of 21 energy projects across the state have been chosen to receive the money.

“With the help of stimulus money, counties, cities and towns across the state will be able to move forward with energy saving projects like installing solar power, energy efficient lighting and other equipment to make public buildings more energy efficient,” Governor Richardson said. “These projects will conserve a significant amount of energy and will save taxpayer dollars.”

The projects are funded through the new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, which is managed by the U.S. Department of Energy. The program is administered by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's Energy Conservation and Management Division.

"These projects will help retain and create jobs and improve the economy around the state," said Joanna Prukop, Secretary of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. “With energy efficiency as the main objective of this new program, we anticipate reports of significant energy and cost savings from these projects for local governments around the state.”

The Energy Conservation and Management Division used a competitive process to select projects based on Recovery Act goals to create and retain jobs; save energy; reduce emissions of greenhouse gases; and increase renewable energy production.

A complete list of approved projects is below:

Entity	Project Description	Amount
City of Lordsburg	Increase energy efficiency of civic center	\$186,834
Los Alamos County	Solar thermal project	\$103,000
City of Tucumcari	City hall efficient lighting	\$52,000
City of Espanola	Geothermal heating system	\$451,680

City of Santa Fe	Upgrade efficiency of seven city buildings	\$500,000
Town of Taos	Solar electric on Town Hall, audit town-owned buildings	\$490,490
Bernalillo County	Audit and upgrade efficiency of county buildings	\$500,000
City of Clovis	Civic center 55-kW solar system	\$500,000
Village of Grady	50-kW wind turbine and senior center PV installation	\$431,908
City of Las Cruces	Convention center green grid, with solar electric and small wind turbine	\$495,330
Hidalgo County	Audit and upgrade efficiency of county buildings, residential and commercial housing outreach, and recycling program	\$424,422
Quay County	County courthouse energy efficiency measures	\$347,320
Union County	County courthouse energy efficiency measures	\$500,000
Mora County	County courthouse energy efficiency measures	\$500,000
Town of Clayton	Audit and upgrade efficiency of town and school buildings; green workforce training	\$434,600
City of Bloomfield	Sidewalks and bike paths, energy efficiency upgrades	\$397,000
Santa Fe County	County facilities energy audit, GIS for efficient routing of County vehicles, and countywide LED street light replacements	\$475,520
Town of Silver City	Office of Sustainability for Silver City and Grant County	\$341,298
Town of Edgewood	Two 50-kW wind turbines for municipal electricity	\$430,000
City of Deming	Solar-charged LED street lights	\$50,000
Environment Department: Solid Waste Bureau	New recycling programs in underserved rural areas	\$497,784
	Total	\$8,109,186

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