## EMPA FACT SHEET: LOCAL ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

- \*DOE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE RESOURCE PLANNING AND PROGRAMS.
- \*DOE AND HUD ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANTS PROGRAM.
- \*GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNORS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT, AND GOVERNORS MAY SUBMIT A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SMALL CITIES DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM.
- \*GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION STRATEGY. THE STRATEGY MUST CONSIDER (1) COMMUNITY ENERGY USE (2) EXISTING FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS WHICH CAN BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ENERGY GRANT ASSISTANCE (3) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION PARTICULARLY FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS (4) PROVISIONS FOR ENERGY EMERGENCIES (5) A SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION FOR EACH ELEMENT IN THE STRATEGY (6) A DESCRIPTION OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE STRATEGY WILL BE ADMINISTERED AND COORDINATED (7) SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN WITH GRANT FUNDS TO FURTHER TO STRATEGY, INCLUDING ESTIMATED COSTS (8) CONSISTENCY WITH STATE ENERGY PLANS (9) PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGY
- \*GRANTS WILL NOT BE MADE IF THE STRATEGY IS NOT TECHNICALLY SOUND, IF THE POTENTIAL PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF NONRENEWABLE ENERGY IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED, IF THE STRATEGY DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIRMENTS OF THE STATE ENERGY PLAN OR IF THE APPLICANT LACKS THE CAPACITY TO CARRY OUT THE STRATEGY.
- \*GRANT REQUIREMENTS MAY BE WAIVED IN THE FIRST YEAR, AND GRANTS MAY BE ADJUSTED IN THE FIRST YEAR, HOWEVER MINIMUM REQUIRMENTS FOR ALL GRANTS MUST INCLUDE A WORKPLAN LEADING TO A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY, A DESCRIPTION OF ON GOING OR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND ASSURANCES OF PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT.
- \*ENTITLEMENT GRANTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED WITHIN 75 DAY UNLESS THE APPLICANT IS NOTIFIED OF SPECIFIC REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL.
- \*GRANTEES MUST SUBMIT PERFORMANCE REPORTS, AND THE SECRETARY MUST CONDUCT REVIEWS AND AUDITS, AND MAY MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN GRANTS BASED ON PERFORMANCE REPORTS, REVIEWS AND AUDITS.
- \*FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO A FORMULA WHICH CONSIDERS BOTH POPULATION AND NEEDS, AND DOE IS DIRECTED TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ENERGY FACTORS WHICH CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE FORMULA AT SOME FUTURE DATE.
- \*FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED FOR EACH STATE, AND DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES WITHIN EACH STATE. METROPOLITAIN CITIES RECEIVE ENTITLEMENT GRANTS, SMALL CITIES IN METRO AREAS COMPETE FOR GRANTS AND SMALL CITIES IN NONMETRO AREAS COMPETE FOR GRANTS. NO STATE RECEIVES LESS THAN 1/2 OF 1% OF AVAILABLE FUNDS.
- \*A CONSORTIUM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN BE TREATED AS A METROPOLITAIN CITY AND RECEIVE AN ENTITLEMENT GRANT.
- \*PRIORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICATIONS MADE BY STATES, UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR REGIONAL COUNCILS ON BEHALF OF A CONSORTIUM OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
- \*THE PROGRAM IS AUTHORIZED FOR THREE YEARS, WITH SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR FY 81 AND \$80 MILLION FOR FY 82 AND FY 83.