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E&E ANNOUNCES ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT AWARDS TO SMALL CITIES AND COUNTIES

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E), Energy Office, announced recipients of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program for small cities and counties today totaling over \$1.7 million. This funding will support 15 vital energy efficiency and conservation projects across Arkansas, helping communities reduce energy consumption, lower costs, and advance energy efficient practices.

The EECBG program provides federal funding from the U.S. Department of Energy to local governments to develop, implement, and manage energy efficiency and conservation projects. These awards underscore Arkansas' commitment to fostering energy independence and environmental stewardship at the local level.

"We are thrilled to partner with these 14 Arkansas communities to implement projects that will deliver tangible benefits, from cost savings to a healthier environment," said Mitchell Simpson, deputy director, Energy Office. "These grants empower our small cities and counties to lead the way in energy innovation and build a more efficient future for all Arkansans."

A complete list of projects and their scope of work is attached and includes the following cities:

- Searcy
- Earle
- Charleston
- Parkin (2 projects)
- Des Arc
- Etowah
- Forrest City
- Keo
- Ward
- Wilmot
- Bay
- Russellville



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- Truman
- Wilmot

These projects represent a diverse range of energy efficiency initiatives, including workforce training, energy audits, energy efficiency retrofits, and the construction of a public walking and biking path. Each project was carefully selected based on its potential for significant energy savings, environmental impact, and community benefit.

E&E's Energy Office is dedicated to promoting energy efficiency and strategies that encourage economic development, energy security, and the wellbeing of Arkansas' businesses, communities, and citizens. Learn more at www.adeg.state.ar.us/energy/initiatives/eecbg.aspx.

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No.	City	Activity Area	Project Title	Budget	Project Scope of Work
1	171 Searcy	Lights - EE Retrofits	City of Searcy LED Lighting Upgrades	178,867	Searcy proposes to retrofit 12 city buildings and one sports field with LED lighting to reduce energy use and reduce utility costs across the portfolio.
2	197 Earle	EE Retrofits	Community Center Energy Efficiency	125,000	Earle proposes to carry out a comprehensive retrofit of their City Hall including LED lighting, HVAC, and building envelope to improve building efficiency.
3	189 Charleston	Lights - EE Retrofits	Charleston Ball Field Lighting Upgrade	63,963	Charleston proposes to retrofit metal halide sports field lighting with LED lights at the municipal ball field complex.
4	200 Parkin	EE Retrofits	Parkin City Hall Energy Efficiency Retro	76,000	Parkin proposes to upgrade HVAC, lighting, and plumbing systems at City Hall to improve building energy efficiency.
5	168 Des Arc	EE Retrofits	Des Arc Heating and Cooling Retrofit	200,000	Des Arc proposes to replace aging HVAC units and windows at the community center to improve energy efficiency and quality of life for visitors.
6	186 Etowah	EE Retrofits	Etowah HVAC Improvements	56,870	Etowah proposes to retrofit outdated HVAC equipment at City Hall and City Fire Station to increase energy efficiency and reduce utility costs.
7	164 Forrest City	Lights - EE Retrofits	Interstate Exits Street Lighting	200,000	Forrest City proposes an LED retrofit of ramp lighting at two I40 interchanges to increase safety and energy efficiency.
8	198 Keo	EE Retrofits	Lighten the Load Keo	15,789	Keo proposes to upgrade HVAC systems and install new LED lighting at Keo City Hall to improve energy efficiency and reduce utility costs.
9	180 Ward	EE Retrofits	Ward ESPC - HVAC Replacements	200,000	Ward proposes to replace outdated HVAC units at key public buildings with higher-efficiency models to reduce utility costs.
10	203 Wilmot	Audit	Wilmot Energy Efficiency Audits	38,000	Wilmot proposes to conduct professional energy audits of municipal buildings, public lighting, and community facilities to identify opportunities to increase energy efficiency across city government.
11	202 Parkin	Workforce	Parkin Workforce Building Initiative	16,980	Parkin Also proposes to launch a workforce development initiative to provide municipal staff with HVAC/R, electrical, and plumbing upskilling to maintain upgraded equipment in city buildings.
11	175 Bay	Audit	Energy Efficiency Audits	10,000	Bay proposes to conduct professional energy audits of municipal buildings, public lighting, and community facilities to identify opportunities to increase energy efficiency across city government.
12	183 Russellville	3. Transportation/ Micro	Russellville Connected Transportation	200,000.00	Russellville will construct a public micromobility path connecting two existing lengths of its city-wide biking and walking network.
	190 Truman	2. Energy Eff. Retrofits	New Lighting at Truman Sports Complex	200,000.00	Truman proposes to perform and LED retrofit at two existing sports fields as part of a larger city-wide LED retrofit initiative.
	201 Wilmot	2. Energy Eff. Retrofits	Wilmot LED Retrofit	125,000.00	Wilmot will build on the energy audit to carry out an LED retrofit across several city-owned parks, recreation areas, and main street.
	Total			1,706,469	