



RECOVERY FUNDS TO HELP BAKER COUNTY

SALEM— The Oregon Department of Energy awarded \$169,902 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) funds to three energy projects in Baker County. The funds are part of the State Energy Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant designated for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

The projects are expected to save an estimated 96,104 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, enough to heat eight average Oregon homes per year.

Baker County received \$65,000 for installation of a central heating and cooling system control unit in the Baker County Courthouse to optimize performance and energy efficiency. The current heating and cooling system runs at full capacity 24/7 although business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The new controls allow for facility staff to operate the system remotely and at variable speeds so it can be brought up to temperature at 8 a.m. and shut down before 5 p.m. The new controls are expected to reduce energy usage for heating and cooling by 20 percent.

Pine Eagle School received \$86,693 that will be used to install energy efficient lights.

The City of Richland received \$18,209 to replace 27 decorative 150-Watt high pressure sodium street lamps on Main Street with 70-Watt energy efficient induction lamps that can be dimmed to 35 Watts to save considerable energy while still providing adequate lighting.

Baker County energy projects include:

| Entity | Facility Name | Award Amount | Type of Award | Type of Project |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Baker County | Courthouse | \$ 65,000 | State Energy Program | HVAC |
| City of Richland | City of Richland | \$ 18,209 | Block Grant | Lighting |
| Pine Eagle School Dist. | Pine Eagle School | \$ 86,693 | State Energy Program | Lighting |
| TOTAL | | \$ 169,902 | | |

A list of all Oregon counties that received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds and amounts awarded is available at

http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Recovery/Funding.shtml#State_Energy_Program_and_Block_Grant_Awards_by_County

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