



## RECOVERY FUNDS TO HELP BENTON COUNTY

SALEM - The Oregon Department of Energy awarded \$1,720,748 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to 18 energy projects in Benton County. These projects vary from weatherization and energy efficiency projects to the installation of solar arrays on public buildings. The funds are part of the State Energy Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Altogether the projects are expected to save or produce an estimated 8,943,239 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, enough to heat 745 average Oregon homes per year. In addition, these projects are expected to require 27,860 hours of labor by local contractors.

Benton County received \$491,000 to place a solar array on the roof of the Fairgrounds livestock building. The array will produce enough electricity to offset 10 percent of the annual utility demand at the facility and reduce greenhouse gases by 1,138,376 pounds. The project is intended to serve as an educational demonstration project for a wide variety of county youth programs as well as Oregon State University students.

County officials will use other funding for energy efficiency projects. For example, they will use \$45,000 at the Public Works building at 360 SW Avery Avenue in Corvallis for installing energy-efficient windows, upgrading the lighting, and replacing all exit lights with more energy-efficient LED fixtures.

Oregon State University received \$530,026 for energy efficiency projects at eight campus buildings including the CH2M-Hill Alumni Center.

Benton County projects include the following:

Entity	Facility Name	Award Amount	Type of Award	Type of Project
Benton County	Law Enforcement Bldg.	\$ 57,500	Block Grant	Lighting
Benton County	Public Works Building	19,200	Block Grant	Lighting, weatherization
Benton County	Fairgrounds	491,000	Block Grant	Solar Array
Benton County	Courthouse	22,500	State Energy Program	Lighting, controls
Benton County	Corrections	20,000	State Energy Program	Lighting, controls

Benton County	Public Service Building	45,000	State Energy Program	Lighting, controls
Corvallis School Dist.	Various Schools	427,795	State Energy Program	Lighting
Monroe School Dist.	Monroe Grade School	48,182	State Energy Program	Lighting
Monroe School Dist.	Monroe High School	37,929	State Energy Program	Lighting
OR University System	OSU - Alumni Center	6,462	State Energy Program	Various
OR University System	OSU - Cordley Hall	67,239	State Energy Program	Various
OR University System	OSU - Finley Hall	55,859	State Energy Program	Various
OR University System	OSU - Gilbert Hall	56,902	State Energy Program	Various
OR University System	OSU - Kerr Admin Bldg.	50,684	State Energy Program	Various
OR University System	OSU - McNary	106,047	State Energy Program	Various
OR University System	OSU - Peavy/Richardson	160,585	State Energy Program	Various
OR University System	OSU - Langton Hall	26,248	State Energy Program	Various
Philomath School Dist	Various	21,616	State Energy Program	Lighting
TOTAL		\$1,720,748		

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

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