



RECOVERY FUNDS TO HELP COLUMBIA COUNTY

SALEM - The Oregon Department of Energy awarded \$1,682,450 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to seven energy projects in Columbia County. These projects vary from energy efficiency projects to the installation of a biomass boiler. The funds are part of the State Energy Program and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Altogether the projects are expected to save or produce 2,188,710 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, enough to heat 182 average Oregon homes per year.

Vernonia School District received the largest award for \$1 million for energy efficiency upgrades and the installation of a biomass boiler for its new school. The District is building the school after two 500-year floods in 11 years left the town's entire K-12 school system in disrepair.

Columbia County School District received \$137,520 for a lighting project at St. Helens High School.

Columbia County received several awards. The funds will be used for heating system and control upgrades at the courthouse, lighting and weatherization projects at the rider transit facility and door and heating system projects at the fairgrounds.

The projects are expected to save Columbia County public entities \$74,832 in energy costs per year.

Columbia County projects include the following:

Entity	Facility Name	Award Amount	Type of Award	Type of Project
Columbia County	Fairgrounds	\$43,180	Block Grant	Doors, HVAC
Columbia County	Rider Transit Facility	\$101,750	Block Grant	Lighting, weatheriz, HVAC
Columbia County	Courthouse	\$125,000	Block Grant	HVAC
Columbia County	Courthouse	\$75,000	Block Grant	HVAC
Columbia County	Courthouse	\$200,000	State Energy Program	Controls
Columbia County SD	St. Helens High	\$137,520	State Energy Program	Lighting

Vernonia School Dist	Vernonia K-12 School	\$1,000,000	Block Grant	Biomass, energy upgrade
TOTAL		\$1,682,450		

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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