



RECOVERY FUNDS TO HELP UNION COUNTY

SALEM - The Oregon Department of Energy awarded \$635,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to two energy projects in Union County. The funds are part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

The projects are expected to save and produce an estimated 311,752 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, enough to heat 26 average Oregon homes per year.

The Elgin Opera House was built in 1911 as the City Hall, but has always been a center of performing arts. Very little has been done to the exterior of the building since it was constructed. The \$250,000 Block Grant will be used toward a \$350,000 project to replace the single-pane windows with more energy-efficient windows, replace doors, add wall insulation and rebuild the roof and add roof insulation. It is anticipated that there will be a 30 to 40 percent savings in energy use with completion of the project.

The City of Cove owns and operates a hydroelectric generating facility that is losing energy generation due to a deteriorating pipeline. The \$350,000 grant will pay for a portion of the \$885,000 pipeline replacement project.

Union County projects include the following:

| Entity | Facility Name | Award Amount | Type of Award | Type of Project |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| City of Cove | Hydroelectric Facility | \$ 385,000 | Block Grant | Pipe replacement |
| City of Elgin | Elgin Opera House | \$ 250,000 | Block Grant | Weatherization |
| TOTAL | | \$ 635,000 | | |

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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