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Recovery Funds To Help Oregon Schools

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Students returning to many Oregon public schools in September will notice that they can see the blackboard better or that their classroom windows aren't as drafty. The lighting upgrades, window replacements and other energy efficiency projects completed this summer were funded by federal stimulus funds awarded by the Oregon Department of Energy to school districts throughout the state.

The Oregon Department of Energy awarded more than \$11 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) funds through the State Energy Program to 60 school districts in 31 counties. The funds were designated for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. While many projects were completed this summer, some of the school districts' projects have not started. School districts have until February 15, 2012 to complete the projects.

"We've provided stimulus funds for projects at large school districts, such as Portland Public Schools and Beaverton, to small districts, such as Fossil and Mitchell," said Paul Egbert, State Energy Program lead project manager with the Oregon Department of Energy which awards and oversees the funds. "Not only do contractors benefit from the jobs, but students and teachers will have better lighting and more comfortable classrooms, and school districts will save on their electricity bills now and into the future."

Some comments from school district staff who have new energy projects in place:

"The old lights gave out a yellow light. Now they're white," said Cistie Shaffer, deputy clerk with the Fossil School District in Wheeler County. "Best of all, the annoying humming sound of the old lights is gone."

"We missed some classrooms when we replaced the majority of T-12s in the mid '90s (with energy-efficient T-8 lights)," said Portland Public Schools Energy Specialist Catherine Diviney. "This grant gave us the opportunity to eliminate all T-12s from the district."

"We were at the point where we could no longer get the type of incandescent bulbs used in the gym lights," said Sue Horton, superintendent for Mitchell School District in Wheeler County. "We knew what needed to be done to upgrade the lights, but in this community there was no budget for an upgrade."

"It worked out well and we appreciate the money to do this," said Condon School District Maintenance Manager Dallas Harsin about the high school gym's new energy-efficient lights. "We could never have done it without those funds."

A list of all Oregon school districts that received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, the type of project and amount awarded follows:

School District	County	Project Type	Amount Awarded
Pine Eagle School District	Baker	Lighting	\$ 86,693
Corvallis School District	Benton	Lighting	\$ 427,795
Monroe School District	Benton	Lighting	\$ 37,929
Philomath School District	Benton	Lighting	\$ 21,616
Canby School District	Clackamas	Lighting	\$ 145,059
Estacada School District	Clackamas	Biomass heating system	\$ 627,738
Lake Oswego School District	Clackamas	Lighting	\$ 215,371
Jewell School District	Clatsop	Lighting	\$ 5,300
St. Helens School District	Columbia	Lighting	\$ 137,520
Vernonia School District	Columbia	Biomass heating system, upgrades	\$ 1,000,000
North Bend School District	Coos	Lighting, water heaters	\$ 304,686
Crook County School District	Crook	HVAC, lighting	\$ 34,815
Port Orford-Langlois School District	Curry	Lighting	\$ 65,062
Bend-LaPine School District	Deschutes	Lighting	\$ 514,187
Days Creek School District	Douglas	Biomass heating system	\$ 235,000
Elkton Charter School	Douglas	Biomass heating system	\$ 238,736
Glendale School District	Douglas	Lighting	\$ 84,908
Winston Dillard School District	Douglas	Lighting	\$ 142,847
Arlington School District	Gilliam	Lighting	\$ 23,400
Condon School District	Gilliam	Lighting	\$ 8,640
Long Creek School District	Grant	Lighting	\$ 18,673
Prairie City School District	Grant	Lighting	\$ 52,718
Harney County School District	Harney	Various energy efficiency measures	\$ 267,058
Hood River County School District	Hood River	Lighting, HVAC controls	\$ 120,490
Butte Falls School District	Jackson	Boiler replacement	\$ 100,000
Phoenix Talent School District	Jackson	Lighting	\$ 45,203
Pinehurst School District	Jackson	Lighting	\$ 31,557
Rouge River School District	Jackson	Boiler system	\$ 66,080
Grants Pass School District	Josephine	Boiler & DDC	\$ 99,000
Three Rivers School District	Josephine	Biomass heating system, lighting	\$ 601,569
Klamath County School District	Klamath	Weatherization, HVAC, lighting	\$ 761,037
Lake County School District	Lake	Lighting	\$ 267,351
Bethel School District	Lane	Lighting	\$ 117,092
Eugene School District	Lane	HVAC, controls, heaters, lighting	\$ 118,500
Oakridge School District	Lane	Biomass heating system	\$ 224,898

South Lane School District	Lane	Lighting	\$ 127,948
Springfield School District	Lane	Lighting, insulation	\$ 105,000
Lincoln County School District	Lincoln	Lighting	\$ 134,472
Central Linn School District	Linn	Lighting	\$ 52,141
Scio School District	Linn	Lighting	\$ 153,394
Adrian School District	Malheur	Lighting	\$ 37,250
Harney County Union School District	Malheur	Windows	\$ 16,625
Jordan Valley School District	Malheur	Lighting, windows	\$ 17,150
Ontario School District	Malheur	Lighting	\$ 54,000
Cascade School District	Marion	Boiler system	\$ 100,000
North Marion School District	Marion	Lighting	\$ 33,496
Ione School District	Morrow	Lighting	\$ 52,821
Portland Public Schools	Multnomah	Lighting	\$ 378,923
Dallas School District	Polk	Lighting, DDC controls	\$ 383,815
Helix School District	Umatilla	Lighting	\$ 36,455
Hermiston School District	Umatilla	Lighting	\$ 109,988
Milton-Freewater Unified School District	Umatilla	Lighting	\$ 573,217
Stanfield School District	Umatilla	Lighting, HVAC	\$ 67,340
Joseph School District	Wallowa	Solar	\$ 73,928
Banks School District	Washington	Lighting	\$ 52,345
Beaverton School District	Washington	HVAC, lighting	\$ 454,080
Hillsboro School District	Washington	Lighting	\$ 876,727
Fossil School District	Wheeler	Lighting	\$ 76,700
Mitchell School District	Wheeler	Lighting	\$ 11,670
Sheridan School District	Yamhill	DDC controls	\$ 49,900
Total			\$ 11,277,913