



City of Charlotte Community Energy Efficiency Grant Programs

The following programs are administered by the City of Charlotte, but made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Each program is designed to reach out directly into our communities to benefit citizens and business owners, as well as promote responsible use of energy and resource management. **Applications will be received and reviewed starting on April 17, 2010, but actual grant awards will not be made or deemed official until federal funds are released to the City of Charlotte.**

Commercial Building Retrofit Grant

Available to commercial building owners located in the City's Business Corridor Revitalization Geography. This grant focuses on lowering the energy consumption of existing buildings by paying a percentage of energy-efficiency retrofits including, but not limited to: energy audits, lighting, HVAC, and tankless water heaters. The City will reimburse the grantee after all work/construction is completed. The total funding for this grant is \$600,000, and no individual grant award will exceed \$99,000.

Apartment Retrofit Grant

This grant is designed to improve the energy efficiency of existing apartment complexes and multi-family housing units within the City's Business Corridor Revitalization Geography. Eligible expenses include HVAC, energy efficient doors and windows, recycling programs, bicycle storage and much more. The City will reimburse a percentage of the cost of eligible retrofits and allow direct billing from the contractor once work is complete. The total funding for this grant is \$600,000, and no individual grant award will exceed \$200,000.

Neighborhood Energy Challenge

A way for neighbors to come together in their communities and develop innovative and practical strategies for improving their neighborhood's energy use. Five neighborhoods will be selected from around the entire City, regardless of location or economic conditions, to participate and will receive two separate pools of funding: (1) \$20,000 to develop energy improvements that benefit their entire neighborhood; (2) \$60,000 that focuses on light energy efficiency improvements on homes in the neighborhood. No total grant amount for an individual neighborhood can exceed \$80,000.

To find out more information about the programs, determine if you are located within the Business Corridor Revitalization Geography, or simply fill out an application please go to:

<http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/NBS/Home.htm>

The apartment and neighborhood grants are under "Neighborhoods" and the commercial building grant and revitalization geography map are under "Businesses".

Please contact the City's Community & Commerce Division with any questions at (704)353-1130