



RENEW BOSTON

Residential and Small Business Programs

ARRA/Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

On April 22, 2010, Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced \$2.8 million funding for **Renew Boston** energy efficiency programs: \$1.8 million for residential work and \$1 million for small business work. After a competitive procurement process, the Mayor's Office of Environmental and Energy Services awarded the contracts pursuant to the \$6.5 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)/Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) administered by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Residential Award

- Mass Energy Consumers Alliance (Mass Energy) and Next Step Living (NSL) won the competitive RFP. Their response was supported by the Green Justice Coalition's environmental justice groups and labor unions.
- For Boston residents within 60-120% median income, \$1.8 million will provide the final 25% cost of insulation projects that utilities currently fund with a 75% rebate.
- The Renew Boston Residential Program will fund 3040 residential insulation projects in Boston with ARRA/EECBG funds.
- ARRA/EECBG funds will leverage \$11.9 million additional funding primarily from utility-sponsored Mass SAVE rebates and the existing HEAT Loan program.
- 58 jobs will be created.
- Residents in Boston will collectively save \$3.4 million per year in energy costs.

Small Business Award

- RISE Engineering, with NSTAR, National Grid and National Resource Management (NRM), won the competitive RFP. RISE and NRM are currently the vendors that provide energy efficiency services to small businesses and non-profits in Boston under the existing NSTAR and National Grid programs.
- For small businesses in Boston, \$1 million will provide up to the final 30% cost of NSTAR and National Grid's existing programs that utilities currently fund with a 70% rebate.
- The Renew Boston Small Business Program will directly fund 800 small business energy efficiency projects.
- The ARRA/EECBG funds will leverage \$3.6 million funding from utility programs.
- 25 jobs will be created.
- Small businesses in Boston will collectively save \$1 million per year in energy costs.

On March 6, 2009, Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced the creation of **Renew Boston** to further his ambitious goals:

- 200 megawatt electricity demand reduction through energy efficiency and alternative energy installations by 2017
- 25 megawatts of solar power installations by 2015
- 7 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by 2012 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050.

Renew Boston is a service of the City of Boston and its partners, particularly NSTAR and National Grid, to help Boston residents, businesses, and institutions save energy and money, and to create jobs. On June 24, 2009, Mayor Menino announced the \$200,000 Renew Boston Residential Pilot Program under which 169 residents with 60-120% median income received efficiency services. The City is currently organizing a comprehensive Renew Boston program that ultimately will serve all types of building all across the city.