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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION

RECIPIENT: City of Jacksonville **STATE:** FL

PROJECT TITLE: EECBG City of Jacksonville: Community Energy Efficiency Incentives

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000777.002		0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

Rational for determination:

The City of Jacksonville Florida would implement a Community Energy Efficiency Incentive program (Activity #7). The Program would be comprised of two parts:

Part I – Community Energy Efficiency Grants would competitively award sub-grants to non-profit organizations which demonstrate the greatest need for energy efficiency retrofits and provide required matching funds. Minimum evaluation criteria would consist of ownership of facility, age of facility/mechanical systems, potential consumption savings, capacity of Organization to complete the project, and service to the community. A final NEPA determination for this program cannot be made at this time as the specific retrofit activities that would be funded are not known.

Part II – Community Energy Efficiency Programs would allocate grant funds to contractors under the management of Jacksonville's municipal electrical utility (JEA) to strategically supplement and expand the utility's residential and commercial demand side management programs. Funds would specifically be used offer attic insulation upgrades, HVAC tune ups, coil cleaning, and programmable thermostat rebates. Additionally, the program would utilize EECBG funds to provide rebates for the purchase of high efficiency solar hot water heaters ($1,000) and heat pump hot water heaters ($300). All Jacksonville residences would be eligible for the rebates. This activity is categorically excluded under NEPA under A11 and B5.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

Recipient is restricted from distributing Federal funds for the Community Energy Efficiency Grants Program (Part I above) pending: (1) further submission by Recipient specifically identifying all specific activities authorized under this program; and (2) a final NEPA determination from DOE regarding those activities.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

This restriction does not preclude Recipient from: engaging in applicable administrative work related to the

establishment of the Community Energy Efficiency Grants Program (Part I above).
If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:
Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds the recipient has the affirmative responsibility to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Section 106 applies to historic properties that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If applicable, the recipient must contact the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to coordinate the Section 106 review outlined in 30 CFR Part 800. Supporting documentation will be reviewed by the DOE as part of its post-award monitoring.

Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds the recipient has the affirmative responsibility to ensure that it has a waste management plan addressing waste generated by their proposed actions. The plan will describe the plan to dispose of any sanitary or hazardous waste, e.g. construction and demolition debris, old light bulbs, lead ballasts, piping, roofing materials, discarded equipment, debris, packaging materials, asbestos, etc. generated as a result of the proposed project. The recipient must ensure that it will comply with all federal, state and local regulations for waste disposal.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 4/29/10
NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

☐ Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager