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

RECIPIENT: Fairfax County **STATE:** VA

PROJECT TITLE : Activity 18, Energy Conservation Education and Residential Energy Efficiency Audits and Rebates

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000873.001		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:

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.

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

A9 Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

Rational for determination:

Fairfax County will use EECBG funds Activity # 18 Energy Conservation Education and Residential Energy Efficiency Audits and Rebates, which include the following activities:

EECBG funds will be used for rebates to a limited number of homeowners for the purposes of reimbursing the homeowner up to $385 for the cost of a residential building energy audit, including the cost of hiring technical consultants to conduct such audits, provided that the homeowner (1) has undertaken eligible energy improvements recommended by the auditor(s) as a result of that audit, as defined by (a) and (b); and (2) can demonstrate that he or she has incurred costs equal to or greater than $385 for such improvements. For the purposes of this program, eligible energy improvements are limited to: (a) performing energy efficiency retrofits that are limited to: installation of insulation; installation of efficient lighting; heating, venting, and air conditioning (HVAC) and associated controls and high-efficiency shower/faucet upgrades; weather sealing; the purchase and installation of ENERGY STAR appliances; installation of solar powered appliances with improved efficiency; and replacement of windows and doors; and (b) developing and implementing energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings that are limited to: design and operation of the programs; identifying and implementing the most effective methods for achieving the maximum participation and efficiency rates; measurement and verification protocols; and identification of energy efficient technologies.

The County will not be implementation of any of the identified energy efficiency recommendations, only the cost of the audit as a rebate. This activity is categorically excluded under NEPA under A9, A11 and B5.1 Actions to Conserve Energy.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 4/22/10
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