

PMC-EF2a

(2/11/11)

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



RECIPIENT: City of Cleveland

STATE: OH

PROJECT TITLE : Cleveland City ARRA-EECBG (S) Act 2 (Cleveland EnergySaver Program)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000148/81.128	DE-EE0000705	gfo-0000705-002	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.
- 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.
- 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 Cleveland will use \$588,500 of its EECBG funds towards implementation of the Cleveland EnergySaver program. EECBG Funds will be used for program administration, direct operation of the program, payment for audits, financial incentives to customers, and a loan loss reserve.

The Cleveland EnergySaver Program is proposing to do the following:

Homeowners sign up for a home energy assessment through the Cleveland Housing Network. The Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) schedules a home energy assessment by a certified auditor/contractor. This auditor/contractor provides an objective technical audit and explanation of recommended energy efficiency measures and financing options. The contractor will then arrange to have the energy efficiency improvements made. Financing will be available through Cleveland Action to Support Housing's (CASH) Home Improvement Loan Program. CASH will expand access to capital by easing the current underwriting criteria utilizing traditional loans provided by local lending institutions or loans through its own loan pool, backed by an EECBG funded loan loss reserve.

This NEPA determination has been made to recognize the City of Cleveland's signed SOW and confirm that the proposed project is within the bounds of the signed SOW. Therefore, the proposed project is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

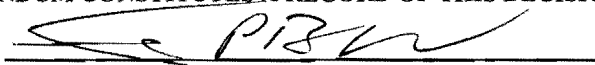
DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

EF2a completed by Logan Sholar

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/16/11

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: _____
Field Office Manager

Date: _____