U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Program

Project Title: Energy Audit, Revolving Loan Program, Mortgage Buy-down Program, EE Retrofits, and Fund Program

Location: Iowa Des Moines

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

1) Reimbursement for the cost of preparing the energy efficiency and conservation strategy, 2) perform energy audits to benchmark the energy performance of municipal buildings and fund public education/outreach campaign, 3) revolving loan program for energy efficiency retrofits and incremental costs for purchasing hybrid vehicles, 4) establish a mortgage buy-down program for residential buildings, 5) energy efficiency window retrofits at City Hall and the Police Station, 6) fund program to increase cycling and walking opportunities in the city

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B1.32 Traffic flow adjustments, existing roads

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

A1

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: ORO NEPA Compliance Officer

Date Determined: Nov 17, 2009

Comments:

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