



RECOVERY FUNDS TO HELP WASCO COUNTY

SALEM - The Oregon Department of Energy awarded \$703,525 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to three energy projects in Wasco County. The funds are part of the State Energy Program and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

The projects are expected to save an estimated 438,328 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, enough to heat 37 average Oregon homes per year.

Wasco County will use its grant to install solar and roof insulation at the Wasco County Clinic building on East 7th Street in The Dalles. The building is occupied by a low-income health clinic, Wasco County Public Health Emergency Preparedness group, Wasco County Solid Waste group and the 911-call center and Emergency Management Office and Operations Center. The project will greatly improve the energy efficiency of the building and augment the electrical energy used for daily building operations.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Oak Springs Hatchery in Maupin received a grant for installing a hydro-turbine unit that will generate the majority of the electrical needs on site.

South Wasco School District will install new energy-efficient lighting in the gym and kitchen at the high school in Maupin.

Wasco County projects include the following:

Entity	Facility Name	Award Amount	Type of Award	Type of Project
OR Dept Fish and Wildlife	Oak Springs Hatchery	\$ 200,000	State Energy Program	Hydro turbine
South Wasco County Sch Dist	High school gym/kitchen	\$ 13,525	State Energy Program	Lighting
Wasco County	Clinic Building	\$ 490,000	Block Grant	Solar array, roof ins.
TOTAL		\$ 703,525		

A list of all Oregon counties that received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds and amounts awarded is available at

http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Recovery/Funding.shtml#State_Energy_Program_and_Block_Grant_Awards_by_County

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