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CITY OF PHOENIX RECEIVES FEDERAL ENERGY GRANT

Recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as a high-performing local weatherization agency, the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) will receive a \$700,000 Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grant for a pilot program to install solar or heat pump hot water systems in low- to moderate-income residents' homes.

NSD is one of just three Arizona weatherization agencies (along with Mesa-CAN and the Western Arizona Council of Governments) and 103 across the country selected to receive the grants.

The grant selections are part of \$90 million in DOE awards announced nationally to complement and expand existing weatherization programs. With the help of \$7.2 million in previously-awarded ARRA funds, NSD has already weatherized 384, or 40 percent, of 951 units slated for the Weatherization Assistance Program.

“This grant helps us take another step forward in the Green Phoenix plan to make our city the most sustainable in the country while building partnerships, creating jobs and stimulating the local economy,” said Mayor Phil Gordon. “I thank the U.S. Department of Energy for recognizing Phoenix with this grant and also appreciate the efforts of our Neighborhood Services Department staff in securing it.”

“During these tough economic times, it’s more important than ever for cities to find creative resources to fund programs that support our residents most in need,” said Chris Hallett, acting director, Neighborhood Services Department. “In addition to delivering even greater energy-bill savings for local families, this program will benefit our environment, as well.”

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