

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 16, 2010

☒ Consent  
☐ Workshop

☐ Regular  
☐ Public Hearing

Department: Administration  
Submitted By: Economic Development Office

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida supporting the full funding of the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants by President Obama and Congress in FY 2012.

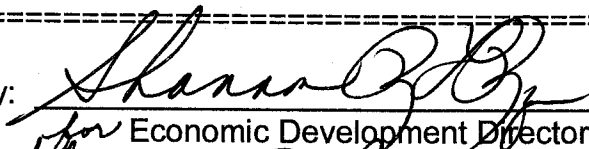
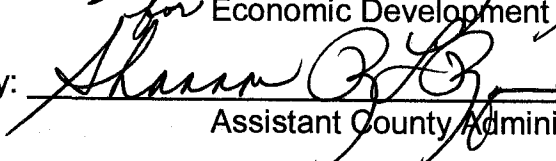
**Summary:** Funded in 2009 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants are empowering thousands of cities and counties to create new clean energy jobs through investments in building efficiency, community scale renewable energy, and other projects that save energy. The grant program will end in 2011 without action by the Obama Administration and Congress. Palm Beach County staff fully supports the Energy Block Grants Work campaign and will work to demonstrate to the White House, U.S. Department of Energy and Congress that we are effectively using our Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) to decrease energy use, curb greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs. The retrofits funded by the EECBG program are expected to create and retain a total of 143 jobs, achieving energy savings of 20%. **No County matching funds are required to complete this project.**  
Countywide (DW)

**Background:** Through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, Palm Beach County was awarded a \$6,587,600 grant in 2009 to support the county's energy efficiency strategy and conservation activities which will improve energy efficiency, reduce energy usage and fossil fuel emissions, and create green jobs in PBC. The PBC Economic Development Office is administering the grant, which includes 12 countywide projects and a Revolving Energy Fund that will enable the business community to invest in energy conservation measures, saving business and environmental resources. Palm Beach County is urging that funding be included in next year's federal budget if we are to maintain the momentum and continue the progress that has begun. The transformations that are taking place at the local level throughout the country are helping to enhance American energy independence and create local jobs.

**Attachments:**

1. Palm Beach County's EECBG project updates

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Recommended By:		11-3-10
	Economic Development Director	Date
Approved By:		11-3-10
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

## **II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	<u>2015</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Capital Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Grant Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
External Revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Program Income (PBC)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
In-Kind Match (PBC)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>*See Below</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_  
Budget Account No: Fund\_\_\_\_ Department\_\_\_\_ Unit\_\_\_\_ Object\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

\* No net fiscal impact is associated with supporting this Resolution

### C. Departmental Fiscal Review:


## Economic Development

### **III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:**

OFMB                      Contract Administration                     

### B. Legal Sufficiency:

 11/9/10  
Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

**Department Director**

**This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the nation faces unprecedented energy challenges, including escalating energy costs and overdependence on foreign oil; and

**WHEREAS**, investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy is critical to positioning America to be competitive in the global economy, increase American energy independence, build sustainable communities, and create new local jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial, residential and public buildings are responsible for more than 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions nationwide and local governments are best suited to strengthen building codes, foster community-scale renewable energy, and create other programs and incentives to increase efficiency and reduce energy use in buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation sector produces one third of greenhouse gas emissions and cities and counties can substantially reduce emissions and vehicle miles traveled by promoting public transit, converting municipal fleets to alternative fuels and more fuel efficient vehicles, and conducting more effective land use and transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P. L.110-140) established a new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program at the U. S. Department of Energy, authorizing \$2 billion annually in formula grants to cities, counties, and states to develop and implement energy efficiency strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) provided \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program to help communities decrease energy use, curb greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments are successfully utilizing their ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Counties have adopted resolutions and policies supporting full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Palm Beach County supports the Energy Block Grants Work! campaign and will work to demonstrate to the White House, U.S. Department of Energy and Congress that we are effectively using our Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to decrease energy use, curb greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Palm Beach County urges President Obama and Congress to fully fund the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program in FY 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section I.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

**Section II.** Palm Beach County hereby expresses its desire to support the full funding of the Energy and Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

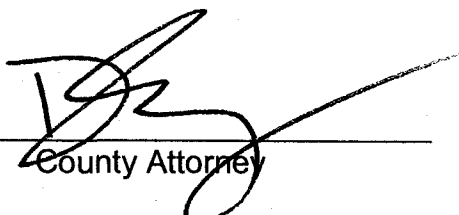
District 1:	Karen T. Marcus	_____
District 2:		_____
District 3:	Shelley Vana	_____
District 4:	Steven L. Abrams	_____
District 5:	Burt Aaronson	_____
District 6:		_____
District 7:		_____

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK &  
COMPTROLLER

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk