

“Energize Phoenix” Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who awarded the grant and how much was awarded?

The U.S. Department of Energy and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) awarded \$25 million to create Energize Phoenix.

Q. What is Energize Phoenix?

The Energize Phoenix federal grant will be used to transform 10 miles of light rail line into a Green Rail Corridor (GRC). The program will be a model of energy efficiency and sustainability through the installation of energy-efficient systems and equipment, including air conditioners, water heaters and energy-efficient windows, as well as smart metering devices to help customers reduce energy usage.

Q. What does the Green Rail Corridor include?

The Green Rail Corridor is 10 miles along the light rail, from Central Avenue and Camelback Road to 44th and Washington streets, and includes diverse neighborhoods, commercial businesses, and public institutions and offices. Much of the area benefiting from this grant has aging homes and commercial buildings with a large percentage of the households below the poverty line.

Q. How many jobs will this program create?

Energize Phoenix is designed to create 1,900 to 2,700 new jobs, most of them "green" jobs primarily in the field of residential and commercial energy retrofits and installations.

Q. How many homes and buildings will benefit from this program?

Energize Phoenix will retrofit an estimated 3,500 homes and 30 million sq. ft. of office and industrial space.

Q. Who is involved in the Energize Phoenix Program?

Energize Phoenix is a partnership of the city of Phoenix Public Works, Neighborhood Services and Community and Economic Development departments, Arizona State University and Arizona Public Service.

Q. How can I participate in the program?

After June 1, 2010, the city of Phoenix Public Works Department will provide more detailed information for residents, businesses, institutions and vendors who wish to participate in the program. Program details are currently being worked out between the City and the US Department of Energy (DOE.)

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