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FEDERAL GRANT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY SAVES CITY MONEY, FURTHERS SUSTAINABILITY IN GLENDALE

GLENDALE, Ariz. – This week, the City Council approved solar lighting to be installed in eight city parks, which is the final portion of several projects started in 2009 as a result of a federal Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) grant.

Over the past year, staff identified locations at parks where the existing lighting could be converted to solar. These locations had been previously vandalized or stolen. The new solar fixtures will provide low level lighting along pathways and perimeters of neighborhood parks, replacing the prior lighting. A total of 50 fixtures will be installed within the eight parks.

This EECBG grant is part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and to date, the city has utilized more than half of its \$2.34 million dollar allocation, and more than 10 jobs have been created in the community as a result.

The program has allowed the city to replace some of its aging infrastructure with updated and more energy-efficient lighting and other upgrades that will lead to a more sustainable community. Additionally, the city has launched a highly popular energy education program offered to more than 1,000 residents and schoolchildren.

Here are the EECBG projects that have been completed:

- Lighting at Public Safety-Court Complex, Main Library, Public Safety and City Hall parking garages
- Traffic Signal LED Conversion

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Here are the EECBG projects that are underway currently:

- Arrowhead Ranch Water Reclamation UV Disinfection Lamp Retrofit project
- Well 43 Variable Frequency Drive
- Energy Matters Public Education program
- Building Safety Program Enhancements
- Solar lighting at eight city parks

For three projects that have been completed energy cost savings are expected to be more than \$90,000 and a reduction of over 500,000 kilowatt hours .

Earlier this year in March 2012, Jason Randall, Branch Chief with the Department of Energy, visited the city of Glendale to tour the projects funded under the EECBG grant. “The U.S. Department of Energy commends the city of Glendale for its works with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. It is evident that the professionalism of Glendale staff is instrumental in implementing effective energy efficiency strategies in the city of Glendale,” noted Mr. Randall after his visit to Glendale.

The city of Glendale experienced a substantial amount of residual savings from its original programs, due to lower than expected equipment and installation costs. With these savings, the city has worked diligently with the Department of Energy to have five additional projects added to the program, which include: retrofit lighting installation at the City Hall parking garage, the downtown parking garage, at both the Equipment Management and Materials Recovery facilities, as well as the solar lighting at select parks.

For additional information on the EECBG grant, visit www.glendaleaz.com/recovery.

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