



CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR

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PATTY JUDGE  
LT. GOVERNOR

May 22, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**Senate File 452**, an Act directing the office of energy independence to establish a community grant program for energy efficiency projects, and allocating appropriated amounts for purposes of funding the program.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chester J. Culver  
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





SENATE FILE 452

AN ACT

DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS, AND ALLOCATING APPROPRIATED AMOUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 469.10, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. Of the moneys appropriated to the office and deposited in the fund, notwithstanding section 469.9, subsection 4, the board shall utilize four percent of the amount appropriated for each fiscal year for purposes of awarding grants for energy efficiency projects pursuant to the community grant program established in section 469.11. Of the moneys allocated pursuant to this section for each fiscal year, the office may utilize up to fifty thousand dollars for administrative costs. Moneys allocated to the program which remain unawarded or unencumbered at the close of the fiscal year shall revert to the fund.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 469.11 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS -- COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.

1. The office shall establish a community grant program with the objective of assisting communities and organizations

to implement projects intended to reduce energy consumption and make communities in this state more sustainable and energy efficient.

2. a. Eligible applicants for the program shall include cities, counties, nonprofit organizations, organizations involved with energy efficiency or conservation efforts, and environmental organizations or groups.

b. Eligibility and approval criteria shall be established by the office by rule, and shall incorporate the criteria established in section 473.41, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" through "d", with regard to the energy city designation program.

c. Projects shall encourage partnerships between public and private sector groups, and develop collaboration and community involvement in energy efficiency efforts. Eligible projects may include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Projects promoting the installation of renewable energy systems by homeowners or small businesses.

(2) Projects for the development of community energy saving plans.

(3) Programs that publicize energy savings opportunities in the community.

(4) Kindergarten through grade twelve education programs that focus on increasing community energy efficiency efforts.

(5) Projects for the creation of community or regional energy efficiency alliances.

(6) Projects for the development of a low-cost energy efficiency public awareness campaign, highlighting strategies and success stories.

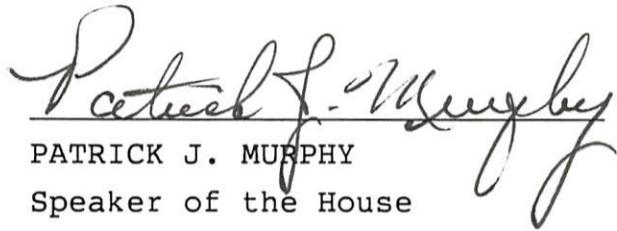
d. To qualify for a grant pursuant to the program, an applicant must document the ability to provide matching funds of at least fifty percent of the total cost of the project, either in cash or in kind.

3. The office shall establish an application and approval process that shall result in the awarding of an approved grant within a three-month period following receipt by the office of an application. Grants awarded pursuant to the program shall range from between one thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars each.

4. The office shall prepare an annual report summarizing the operation of the program, and shall submit the report by January 1 each year to the Iowa power fund board.



JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate



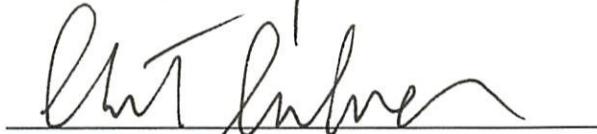
PATRICK J. MURPHY  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 452, Eighty-third General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009



CHESTER J. CULVER  
Governor