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“The funding announced today can be used by our state and our communities for a wide variety of energy efficiency initiatives,” said Michaud. “These types of investments are crucial not only to the immediate needs of our economy, but also to our goal of reducing our dependence on foreign sources of energy. By conserving, we can improve the environment and save money in the long term.”

Below is the funding amount for state, city, and county governments in Maine:

- Maine State Energy Office, \$9,593,500
- Auburn, \$105,200
- Augusta, \$99,400
- Bangor, \$161,700
- Biddeford, \$92,500
- Brunswick, \$100,900
- Lewiston, \$157,700
- Portland, \$684,700
- Sanford, \$87,300
- Scarborough, \$84,300
- South Portland, \$114,100

Funding is also included for the following Tribal governments in Maine:

- Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians of Maine, \$54,200
- Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians of Maine, \$38,500
- Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine, \$77,200
- Penobscot Tribe of Maine, \$84,700

According to the Department of Energy, funds can be used community wide, not only for government owned facilities and infrastructure. The following activities are eligible:

- Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy and Technical Consultant Services to assist in the development of such a strategy.
- Residential and Commercial Building Energy Audits.
- Financial Incentive Programs and Mechanisms for energy efficiency improvements such as energy savings performance contracting, on-bill financing, and revolving loan funds.
- Grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of performing Energy Efficiency Retrofits.
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities.
- Development and Implementation of Transportation Programs to conserve energy.
- Building Codes and Inspections to promote building energy efficiency.
- Energy Distribution Technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency, including distributed resources, combined heat and power, and district heating and cooling systems.
- Material Conservation Programs including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency.
- Reduction and Capture of Methane and Greenhouse Gases generated by landfills or similar waste-related sources.
- Energy efficient Traffic Signals and Street Lighting.
- Renewable Energy Technologies on Government Buildings.
- Any Other Appropriate Activity that meets the purposes of the program and is approved by DOE.

For details about the program and funding, please visit www.energy.gov/recovery.

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