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METHUEN AWARDED RECOVERY ACT ENERGY GRANT

\$179,200.00 Grant Will Be Used To Fund Several Projects

Mayor William M. Manzi, III announced this week that Methuen has received \$179,200.00 energy grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) is designed to assist state, local and tribal governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emission, reduce total energy use and improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other appropriate sectors.

The grant will enable the City to continue making progress on two important municipal goals: the reduction of energy use and expense in city buildings including our schools, and the enhancement of recycling efforts and moving towards a single stream-recycling program. Methuen will use the funds in the following ways:

- **Energy Efficiency Retrofits-** the City will analyze and address energy efficiency in city buildings and schools. The initial targets include City Hall and the four K-8 schools. This activity will help the City meet its 10% reduction goal as committed to through the EPA's Community Energy Challenge. The City will leverage National Grid and Bay State Gas incentive dollars for energy efficiency programs that reduce both gas and electricity use.
- **Buildings & Facilities-** a portion of the grant will be provided to the City's Committee on Energy Efficiency and Green Government to develop community education programs and events where Methuen residents can learn about available energy efficiency resources.

Material Conservation Program- a portion of the grant has been allocated to move curbside two-stream recycling to single stream recycling. Using EECBG funds the City will promote and test the single-stream curbside recycling approach.

- **Technical Consultant Services-** a portion of the grant will be used to continue the relationship with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and its Regional Energy Coordinator in order to further support the development of projects and analysis of retrofit activities.

"Energy efficiency has been a goal of my administration since day one. We will put this grant to good use by funding retrofits, educational programs and recycling programs," said Mayor Manzi. He also thanked the federal government and Rep. Niki Tsongas for the grant, and credited the hard work of his staff, the Methuen Community Development Department, and the Regional Energy Coordinator for completing and tracking the grant application.