

Energy and Carbon Savings Trust
Interim Plan
As adopted by the Trust
3/3/09

1. Program categories and budget allocation

This interim plan is subject to the Trust's Chapter 2 rules. If there is any conflict between the interim plan and the Chapter 2 rules, the rules will govern.

Establish three program categories:

- a. Large Custom Projects – 25% of Year 1 electrical conservation budget, 75% of remaining fossil fuel conservation budget
 1. Minimum request of \$100,000 for Trust funds for electricity projects to avoid overlap with Efficiency Maine Business Custom design program for electricity conservation. Smaller transmission and sub-transmission projects can be applied for in the business program funded by the Trust.
 2. \$1 million cap on single facility funding request
 3. Minimum request of \$10,000 for fossil fuel projects.
 4. Rolling quarterly proposal deadlines
 5. Applicants must commence project within 12 months or return funds; incomplete projects must return 100% of funds. Extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Trust.
 6. Trust will utilize contractor(s) to issue requests for proposals, review and compare proposals, present to Trustees for approval, evaluate post-implementation performance
 7. Reporting requirements will be included in contracts for funding.

- b. Business Initiatives Program – 25% of Year 1 electricity conservation budget
 1. Assign budget for Year 1 to be administered by Efficiency Maine.
 - o Funds spent in a manner consistent with RGGI statute.
 - o All small and large business customers eligible, including transmission and sub-transmission
 - o Municipal and institutional (school) customers are among those eligible for this program
 2. Priority given to initiatives that
 - o Have been thoughtfully designed, thoroughly vetted,
 - o Can demonstrate positive cost-effectiveness
 - o Can be rapidly deployed

- c. Residential Programs – 25% of year 1 Budget

1. Assign budget for Year 1 to be administered by Efficiency Maine for the Residential programs
 - o Funds spent in a manner consistent with RGGI statute
 2. Priority given to initiatives that:
 - o Have been thoughtfully designed, thoroughly vetted,
 - o Can demonstrate positive cost-effectiveness
 - o Can be rapidly deployed
- d. 25% of electrical conservation and fossil fuel conservation budgets held in reserve
1. As the Trustees evaluate the three program categories over time, they may chose to allocate the funds held in reserve to any of the above categories or to new program categories.
2. The Trustees may, at their discretion, modify the interim plan while it is in effect. Unless the Trustees decide otherwise, the interim plan will serve until the Triennial Plan is implemented.