

**7.1.2 Buildings-Related DOE Funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program

--\$6.0 billion to provide loans to the commercial sector for renewable energy and transmission projects. This program was originally created under the Energy Policy Act of 2005

Weatherization Assistance Program

--\$5.0 billion for grants that are distributed to states and territories. Funding is used to improve the energy efficiency of homes owned by households earning less than 200% of the federal poverty level. Fiscal year 2008 funding was \$227.2 million.

Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

--\$4.5 billion provided to the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability to modernize the electric grid, including deployment of smart meters and electricity storage systems.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

--\$3.2 billion to be distributed to local governments for energy efficiency programs. Program was established under the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) and \$2.8 billion will be allocated based on the formula provided in EISA. \$400 million is to be allocated on a competitive basis.

State Energy Program

--\$3.1 billion is available to states that put in place utility rate decoupling and improved building codes.

Appliance Rebate Program

--\$300 million for consumer rebates to replace of old appliances with ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances.

Source(s): American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, February 17, 2009, Public Law 111-5; Congressional Research Service, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, February 2009; ACEEE, Summary of Energy Efficiency Provisions in ARRA 2009, October 2009.