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IUB offers new \$5,000 community grant for weatherization assistance

For the fourth consecutive year, the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) is coordinating Iowa's annual community-based initiative to weatherize homes for lowans in need before the winter heating season. The IUB encourages community groups across Iowa to participate in the 2008 Iowa Weatherization Challenge by applying for either the new community grant of up to \$5,000 or for a matching grant of up to \$500.

The community grant of up to \$5,000 is available for one community with a population of 10,000 or less. It is intended to be used by the recipient to develop comprehensive weatherization and energy efficiency events and educate the community residents on these topics. By creating community-wide awareness of energy use and implementing easy, proven ways to reduce its energy consumption, this community may also serve as an example for other Iowa communities in the future.

In addition to the community grant, the IUB will also offer matching grants of up to \$500 to as many as ten organizations throughout Iowa. These grants are to be used to weatherize homes and provide educational materials for Iowa's low-income families, elderly or disabled individuals. Participating groups or organizations applying for the matching grants are asked to raise initial funds up to \$500 for weatherization events in their local communities.

The IUB can provide assistance to applicants of either grant program by offering educational support and materials, information for communicating with the media, and training on weatherization methods. Additionally, the IUB provides informational presentations about the Iowa Weatherization Challenge to groups and organizations in local communities. Those interested may contact Brenda Biddle toll free at 1-877-565-4451.

All grant awards will be earmarked for weatherization projects to be completed in Iowa by November 30, 2008. The IUB will receive grant applications beginning August 1, 2008. Grant information, including application forms and related materials, is available at www.state.ia.us/iub.

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