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## **IUB offers \$2,500 community grant, \$500 grants for Iowa weatherization efforts**

For the fifth straight year, the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) is coordinating Iowa's annual community-based initiative to weatherize homes for Iowans in need before the winter heating season. The IUB encourages community groups across Iowa to participate in the 2009 Iowa Weatherization Challenge by applying for either the community grant of up to \$2,500 or for one of 10 matching grants of up to \$500.

The community grant of up to \$2,500 is available for one community with a population of 10,000 or less. The application deadline for the community grant is August 28, 2009. The recipient is expected to develop and complete comprehensive weatherization and energy efficiency events while also educating community residents. By creating community-wide awareness on 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 addition to the community grant, the IUB will also offer matching grants of up to \$500 to as many as 10 organizations throughout Iowa. Applications are being accepted through September 25, 2009, or until 10 grants have been funded. 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 expected 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. Anyone interested in this may call 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, 2009. Iowa Weatherization Challenge grant information, including application forms and related materials, is available at [www.state.ia.us/iub](http://www.state.ia.us/iub).

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