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The State Energy Program (SEP) in Washington provides funding for the WA Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) Energy Policy Division and the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Energy Program.



The SEP formula grant provides partial support for the CTED Energy Policy Division’s policy activities. These include serving on the board of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA), a public/private consortium that provides \$20 million per year dedicated to transforming markets for energy efficiency products and services; developing energy efficiency and renewable policies (tax credits, net metering, biofuels development...); working with the U.S. Department of Energy, WA State Emergency Management Division and the Governor’s office to prevent and respond to petroleum, natural gas, and electricity emergencies; providing assistance to expand Washington’s energy efficiency, renewable, and “smart” energy sector; and fostering market expansion nationally and internationally for efficiency and renewable technologies, products and services.

The WSU Energy Program’s energy specialists and professional engineers provide energy services, products and information – both within Washington and nationally.

The nationally recognized WSU Energy Library offers research expertise and specialized services for its clients. It is networked with libraries worldwide, and the collection is available online. The WSU Energy Library is partially supported by SEP formula dollars.

The **Resource Conservation Manager program** is a successful SEP project. The Resource Conservation Managers (RCMs) are hired by public agencies such as schools, cities, or universities to reduce operating costs, increase efficiency and promote environmentally friendly operations while reducing the costs of energy, water, natural gas, and other utilities.

SEP funds are also used for **Building Technologies**. This year, four Pacific Northwest states are bringing building techniques and strategies developed and proven – under the Building America Program – into the region’s Energy Star Homes Programs, and making some ready for incorporation into the International Energy Conservation Code and the state codes of Washington and Oregon.

SFY07 SEP Funds	
SEP Formula Grant	\$620,000
Special Projects	
Energy Star, Building America and Building Energy Code	289,000
Industries of the Future	78,608
Total for SFY06	\$987,608

The current focus of Industries of the Future is helping industries make significant energy investments – both in energy efficiency and combined heat and power projects.

Rebuild America Program funding for technical assistance decreased, yet effective use of the funding is providing support to community colleges in Washington, and the state’s Department of General Administration – as they implement state mandates to build efficient, green, state-owned buildings.