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The **U.S. Department of Energy** announced that California will receive nearly \$412 million for weatherization funding and energy efficiency grants as part of the federal Recovery Act.

The Weatherization Assistance Program, which provides funding for home insulation, sealing leaks and modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment, will receive \$185.8 million for California projects. It provides up to \$6,500 per home for upgrades for families making up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which is about \$44,000 per year for a family of four.

The State Energy Program will receive \$226.1 million for rebates to consumers for home energy audits or other energy savings improvements; renewable energy projects; promotion of Energy Star products; energy efficiency upgrades for state and local government buildings and similar programs.

California's share, announced Thursday, was part of \$8 billion in energy efficiency programs authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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