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**IMPA communities receive \$5 million to expand energy efficiency efforts
Competitive block grant to save money and increase energy independence**

CARMEL, IN – The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is one of 20 grant applicants from around the country to receive an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. IMPA was awarded \$5 million on behalf of 20 of its member communities to implement local streetlight retrofitting programs. The U.S. Department of Energy awarded more than \$60 million to implement local energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The competitive grants were awarded to groups looking to reduce energy use by American homes, vehicles and businesses.

The 20 IMPA member communities participating in the grant are Brooklyn, Crawfordsville, Dunreith, Frankton, Greendale, Greenfield, Huntingburg, Lawrenceburg, Lebanon, Lewisville, Linton, Middletown, Paoli, Rising Sun, Scottsburg, Tell City, Tipton, Walkerton, Washington, and Winamac.

“IMPA and its members have developed a creative and innovative partnership to help promote energy efficiency in Indiana and save taxpayer dollars by reducing energy costs in local communities,” commented Raj Rao, President and CEO of IMPA.

Recognizing the need to implement energy efficient technology and conservation programs throughout the state, IMPA and its members looked for innovative, creative and aggressive ways to expand existing programs. Working together, IMPA and the member communities involved in the grant application will retrofit street lighting in each community with energy efficient technology that will reduce energy use and realize savings to each municipality. Collectively, the 20 IMPA members included in the grant plan to retrofit over 6,800 street lights in their communities. It is estimated they will save nearly \$320,000 annually

as a result of the project. Additionally, IMPA and participating members will make available information about the program to help educate consumers on the value of energy efficiency and conservation practices.

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency is the not-for-profit wholesale power provider to 52 cities and towns across Indiana and one Ohio community who own and operate the municipal electric distribution systems in their communities. IMPA member communities deliver electric service to approximately 320,000 individuals throughout the state. For more information, visit www.IMP.com.

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