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ARRA Resource Conservation Manager (RCM) Program Awards – \$935,000

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The WSU Extension Energy Program, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Commerce, is assisting cities and counties in establishing and implementing long-term energy efficiency strategies in the buildings sector through a Shared Resource Conservation Manager (RCM) Program. Many local governments would like to have a RCM program, but do not have utility bills large enough to warrant a RCM position. This program helps create a shared RCM Position that will serve several local governments in one geographic area.

Program goals:

- Reduce energy use in building and facilities operated by cities and counties
- Increase the ability of cities and counties to manage their energy and resource expenses
- Establish shared programs that support smaller cities and counties
- Establish programs that will sustain savings beyond program start-up years
- Create jobs by establishing programs that employ RCMs

Local government partnerships have formed in eight locales across Washington state, with an additional existing partnership receiving support. The RCM hired in each of these nine regions assess, track, and analyze resource use of facilities owned and operated by the 39 public agencies that comprise the nine partnerships. They work with all levels of agency staff to reduce consumption and lower resource expenditures. The public agencies include cities, counties, public school districts, and ports. The Program is funded through June 2012, with anticipation that savings in resource expenditures will support the continued existence of the RCM position. For details, visit the [program website](#).

Successfully negotiated agreements include:

- **City of Bonney Lake**
Pierce County
Project: New RCM program with the cities of Buckley and Sumner and Sumner School District.
Award: \$75,000
- **City of Bremerton**
Kitsap County
Project: Create a new RCM program.
Award: \$75,000



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- **Clallam County**
Project: Create a new RCM program in partnership with the cities of Port Angeles and Sequim, Olympic Medical Center and Clallam Transit.
Award: \$75,000

- **City of Federal Way**
King County
Project: In partnership with the city of Auburn, develop an RCM program to bring about reductions in energy use and related expenditures for energy, water, natural gas, fuel oil and solid waste disposal. Program will focus on changing operations and maintenance practices and individual behavior to achieve reduction in energy use.
Award: \$75,000

- **Jefferson County**
Project: In partnership with the city of Port Townsend, Port Townsend School District, Chimacum School District and Fort Worden Area Parks, create an RCM program to reduce energy use in buildings and improve energy and resource expense management.
Award: \$75,000

- **Skagit County**
Project: Add technical support for existing RCM at Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG).
Award: \$56,000

- **Spokane County**
Project: Create an RCM program in partnership with Central Valley School District and the city of Ritzville.
Award: \$75,000

- **City of Vancouver**
Clark County
Project: Create an RCM program in partnership with the cities of Camas and Washougal to reduce energy use in buildings and improve energy and resource expense management.
Award: \$75,000