



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 27, 2009

CONTACT:
Susan Sullam, Cardin, 410-962-4436
Rachel MacKnight, Mikulski,
202-228-1122

CARDIN, MIKULSKI ANNOUNCE MARYLAND WILL RECEIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators **Benjamin L. Cardin** and **Barbara A. Mikulski** (both D-MD), today announced the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes more than \$52 million for Maryland through the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

“It is critical to our nation’s national security and future that we end our dependence on foreign energy,” Senator Cardin said. “This funding will help Maryland families and businesses reduce their energy consumption while also reducing our use of fossil fuels and the amount of carbon dioxide that threatens our environment.”

“It is critical to America’s national security and economy that we replace the oil we import with alternative energy sources that we produce right here at home,” Senator Mikulski said. “Energy investments like this one will create new good-paying jobs in cities and towns across America. The investments we make now will pay dividends in the years to come by helping Marylanders reduce their monthly energy bills and accelerate our nation’s transition to a more sustainable and secure energy future.”

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, as well as projects that improve energy efficiency nationwide. The \$52 million in funding Maryland will receive through DOE’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program will go to Maryland’s state energy office, Maryland’s city governments, and Maryland’s county governments.

Maryland’s state energy office will receive \$9,593,500.

Funding for Maryland’s city governments include: \$171,700 for Annapolis; \$6,372,700 for Baltimore; \$464,000 for Bowie; \$133,700 for College Park; \$614,700 for Frederick; \$578,000 for Gaithersburg; \$179,500 for Hagerstown; \$93,000 for Laurel; \$683,300 for Rockville; \$147,400 for Salisbury.

Funding for Maryland's county governments include: \$4,463,400 for Anne Arundel County; \$7,403,600 for Baltimore County; \$684,100 for Carroll County; \$560,300 for Charles County; \$659,800 for Frederick County; \$2,189,400 for Harford County; \$2,601,700 for Howard County; \$7,633,900 for Montgomery County; \$6,629,200 for Prince George's County; \$438,300 for Washington County.

For more information about the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, please visit www.energy.gov/recovery.

###