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**CITY OF HARTFORD AWARDED ENERGY GRANT
MAYOR SAYS STIMULUS MONEY
WILL HELP REDUCE ENERGY COSTS**

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(August 21, 2009)--- With energy costs rising and playing a dominant role in government expenditures across the country, Mayor Eddie A. Perez is pleased to announce that the City of Hartford has been awarded a major government grant--- an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant--- by the U.S. Department of Energy.

This \$1,372,700 is part of President Obama's 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will be used for a variety of energy efficiency and resource conservation projects including:

1. Expansion of the City's single-stream recycling program
2. Replacing old traffic signals with energy efficient LED ones
3. Replacing ineffective street lamps with new energy efficient fixtures
4. Making schools, libraries, firehouses and government buildings more energy efficient
5. Making energy efficiency and conservation awareness programs available to city elementary school students

Mayor Perez says, "This is a tremendous example of stimulus money coming to the Main Streets of America. This investment will go a long way to help Hartford reduce energy costs and continue our ongoing efforts to go green. By being economically and environmentally conscious, we can build a better Hartford."

For more information on stimulus and environmental efforts in Hartford, please log on to www.hartford.gov. There on the main page you will see Hartford.gov/Recovery and GreenUp Hartford.