

There are a number of sources to find government rebates and incentive programs for renewable energy systems. However, Cheyenne Wind Energy highly recommends the DSIRE website as the most comprehensive collection of information regarding these programs. Today renewable energy is a top priority for our nation and new laws are being passed every week to make renewable energy the right choice for everyone.

## [DSIRE: Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency](#)

# Alternative Energy & The US GOVERNMENT



State and Local governments are following the lead of the US Government. President Obama has placed the push towards Renewable Energy at the top of his list for our Economic Recovery Plan. Just looking at his logo you can see that renewable energy is the way of the future. We are seeing new plans and programs every week making alternative energy the most attractive source for America's energy needs.

[Texas is perfect example of this "stepping up" by state and local governments.](#) Texas just proposed a bill to allow local governments to fund Renewable Energy Systems at no upfront cost at all for home owners. Sound too good to be true? Governments would have the freedom to fully fund alternative energy systems for qualifying citizens allowing them to immediately obtain green energy systems for their homes **without any out of pocket expense**. Home owners would simply have a \$200-\$300 annual increase in their property taxes over a span of 30 to 40 years. With **annual savings of thousands** the cost of only a few hundred would result in an **immediate yearly net gain** for those that use the project. To sum up, **a win/win for all**.

### US FEDERAL TAX CREDIT UPDATE

## US Stimulus Package expands small wind tax credits for homeowners, businesses

Qualified **small wind turbines eligible for 30% tax credit**, homewonwers

## **and businesses benefit from American Recovery and Re-investment Act (2009 Stimulus Package)**

### **Background**

On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed the American Recovery and Re-investment Act of 2009 into law. With a significant emphasis on renewable energy technology deployment and job expansion, the bill improved upon the 2008 tax credit, by removing “cost caps.” This change allows consumers and small businesses to take a 30% tax credit off the installed cost of a wind turbine. To a consumer or business purchasing a single 2.4KW residential wind turbine, it will double their credit. Additionally, businesses will also have the option of receiving their credit in the form of a cash grant.

### **Q: What does the stimulus package mean for me if I’m considering buying a WindTurbine?**

**A:** The entire cost of a WindTurbine system (plus installation) is reduced by 30 percent. For example, if an average installation costs between \$13k -- \$18k, the stimulus package will save you between \$3,900 -- \$5,400. And depending on where you live, you could save even more! States have also implemented rebates for small wind which can be added to the Federal credit. Furthermore, in the last two months alone, more than 30 States have introduced legislation that either expands incentives for renewable energy and/or addresses market barriers.

### **Q: What does the stimulus package mean for me, if I already own a WindTurbine?**

**A:** If you purchased a WindTurbine in 2008, you qualify for the federal-level tax credit, passed as part of the October 2008 bailout legislation, up to \$2,400. If you purchased a WindTurbine in 2008 but your dealer did not install it until 2009, ask your dealer to write a letter indicating that the wind turbine was not “commissioned” became operational 2009, you would qualify for the 30 percent tax incentive.

### **Q: What if I want to purchase and install more than one WindTurbine?**

**A:** The stimulus package allows for a 30 percent tax credit on the total cost of multiple units. There is no cap on the 30 percent tax credit.

### **Q: I heard I can get cash back rather than a tax credit – how does that work?**

**A:** Yes, this applies to businesses only. You can apply for a grant from the US treasury and rather than a tax credit, receive a cash grant. The details are still being worked out but should be in place by April or May. Keep in touch with your dealer or the manufacturer for more information.

### **Q: Does this work for all small wind systems?**

**A:** Yes. The incentive is available to all users of small wind systems.