



Common Council Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution 2022-01 Supporting an Office of Energy Independence Partnership for a City Energy Plan Grant

Meeting Date: January 4, 2022

Presenter: Al Hulick, City Administrator

Department: City Administration

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

- Affordability & Financial Stability
- Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
- Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
- High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
- Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

The City of Milton would like to partner with the City of Edgerton and the City of Evansville to submit a multi-municipality grant application to the Office of Energy Independence to create an Energy Plan for each respective municipality. Resolution 2022-01 serves as our “letter of support” for this initiative.

Analysis and Key Issues

Based on the grant guidelines, the grant application will seek to fulfill the following tasks for each municipality through the Office of Energy Independence:

The project proposal will consist of four key tasks: 1) baseline data collection, 2) energy reduction opportunity development, 3) policy research and institutionalization of progress, and 4) report development.

The development of a baseline energy profile for the municipal operations of each city will serve as a grounding step, establishing the large sources of energy use in each community and areas of opportunity. As a deliverable in this step, each city will receive a spreadsheet with the baseline energy profile, and a method for ongoing tracking of municipal energy use.

Utilizing the data compiled and analyzed in Task 1, Task 2 will identify a set of near-term and medium-term opportunities for energy reductions in each community. The Task will consider energy efficiency, renewable energy, and fleet opportunities. In this task, we will quantify the cost, energy, and cost savings associated with each opportunity.

Task 3 will serve as a way to institutionalize the progress made during this project, through policy research on key internal and community-wide policies and development of ongoing



committees to drive progress. Best practices for city-specific sustainability committees and for an ongoing collaboration network between cities will be explored.

Lastly, Task 4 will include development of a comprehensive report for each community along with a webinar presentation and fact sheets for external distribution. The comprehensive report will summarize baseline energy use, key opportunities, and all policy research. The fact sheets and webinar will serve as a way to share lessons learned and results with residents of the communities and similarly-sized communities in Wisconsin, respectively.

Fiscal Impact

There is no requirement of a direct financial contribution from each municipality for the grant application. Therefore, at this time, each municipality is pledging “in-kind” staff time of approximately \$5,000 for the assistance with the four tasks outlined above. The City of Edgerton is taking the “lead” on the grant preparation and submittal with the use of a consultant. However, each municipality is currently researching whether or not a direct “cash” contribution would make our application more competitive. If a cash contribution is seen as favorable, staff will bring forth those parameters prior to the submittal of the grant application.

Recommended Motion

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2022-01 supporting the multi-municipality grant application to the Office of Energy Independence to create an Energy Plan for the City of Milton.

Attachments

- Resolution 2022-01