

Memo

To: Kevin Jackson, Village Manager
From: Ahmad Zayyad, Deputy Village Manager
By: Vanessa Matheny, Grants Manager and Steve Cutaia, Chief Building Officer
Date: March 8, 2024
Re: US Department of Energy's State and Community Energy Programs

Overview

Metro Strategies identified a funding opportunity through the US Department of Energy's State and Community Energy Programs, Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding. Upon further review, Development Services completed a concept paper (attached) that was submitted on behalf of the Village of Oak Park on February 8, 2024, per direction of Ahmad Zayyad, Deputy Village Manager/Interim Neighborhood Services Director. Development Services completed the Go/No-Go process for grant funding and scored 15 of 19. The final application is due on April 30, 2024.

The Village of Oak Park will utilize funds to support implementation, compliance and enforcement activities for the following codes: 2021 International Energy Conservation Code & anticipation of possible review and adoption of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code along with the State of Illinois Stretch Energy Code.

1. Education and Training
 - Community wide seminars/trainings (add content, frequency – quarterly, annual, etc.)
 - Training manuals/materials/ materials/guides/ resources
 - Internal staff training
 - Certification
2. Implementation
 - Incentives Permit fees
 - Sub awards/rebates for technologies
 - Verification/measurements of energy savings – consultant fees
3. Compliance & Enforcement
 - Inspection related Vehicles/new staff
 - Instruments
 - Software

If awarded, the request would be used to support the Climate Ready Oak Park Plan.

Next Steps

Due to the timeframe of this grant opportunity, the concept paper was submitted on February 8, 2024. Village Staff would need to develop a resolution for approval to be placed on the Village Board of Trustees Agenda on April 9, 2024 to proceed with the April 30, 2024 submission of the grant.