



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Adopting Village of Oak Park Energy Efficiency Grant Program Guidelines

Overview

During the June 24, 2019 Board meeting, the Village board directed staff to bring forward guidelines for a creation of an Energy Efficiency Grant Program to support low-income households.

Recommendation

Approve the Resolution

Fiscal Impact

The FY120 Budget appropriated \$220,000 to promote outreach costs and local incentives for existing Village Single-family rehabilitation loans and grants.

Background

The program guidelines were modeled after a successful energy efficiency grant program that the Village participated in with Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning as part of President Obama's federal stimulus program in approximately 2010. Applicants of the Village's single family and small rental rehab grant programs were able to apply for additional funds to improve energy efficiency. The single family and small rental programs are designed to help owners rehab their homes to improve safety and insure basic liveability standards and energy efficiency improvements are often not able to be funded. Simple efficiency enhancements can improve occupant comfort and reduce energy costs. Newer LED lights use about 75 percent less energy and last 15 times longer than incandescent bulbs. Heating and cooling upgrades improve and reduce energy costs while providing more efficient temperature control while using less energy.

The proposed energy efficiency guidelines will allow owner applicant(s) to apply for up to \$10,000, for purposes of energy upgrades for increasing building energy efficiency, reducing energy use and savings by adding any or all of the following measures:

- (1) The installation of attic, pipe and wall insulation;
- (2) The installation of energy-saving efficient lighting, including automatic light sensors or timed light sensors;
- (3) The installation or upgrade of heating, venting and air conditioning (HVAC) and high-efficiency shower/faucet upgrades, including ENERGY STAR programmable and smart thermostat upgrades;

- (4) Upgraded ENERGY STAR energy efficient water heater;
- (5) Air and duct sealing;
- (6) The purchase and installation of ENERGY STAR appliances; and/or
- (7) The installation of solar panels.

Alternatives

Direct staff to further refine the guidelines

Previous Board Action

On June 24, 2019, the Board directed staff to proceed with developing guidelines

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

NA

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

NA

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

NA