

City of Cincinnati



Date: Monday, June 1, 2009

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

200900799

From: Milton Dohoney, Jr., City Manager

RE: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Allocation Recommendations

Reference Document #200800312

At its meeting on March 18, 2008, City Council referred to the Administration the following motion from Vice Mayor Crowley and Council Member Bortz:

We MOVE that the Administration create an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan to be submitted to the federal government for block grant funds as outlined in the Energy Independence and Security Action of 2007.

Background

A report responding to Motion #200800312 was provided to City Council on May 13, 2008. It indicated that the Administration would initiate a process to develop an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan.

Facilities, 2) Non-governmental Organizations, 3) Renewable Energy, 4) Transportation, 5) Recycling, 6) Outreach, and 7) Administration. Project evaluations focused on the project's ability to 1) Meet the primary purpose of block grant, 2) Advance established City priorities, including those identified in Motion #200800312, 3) Transform Cincinnati, 4) Create or retain jobs, and 5) Leverage other available funds. A Stakeholders Meeting was held on Friday, April 24, 2009, where OEQ's block grant funding recommendations were presented and discussed (see listing below) and stakeholders provided comment.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City allocate formula EECBG funds as listed below. Please reference attached spreadsheet for details.

City Facilities

Performance Contracts \$1,139,600

Non-Governmental Organizations

Cincinnati Energy Alliance \$ 604,000
Mill Creek Restoration Project \$ 100,000

Transportation

Ohio River Trail \$ 400,000

Recycling

Wheeled Carts \$ 750,000

Outreach

Green Cincinnati Plan \$ 50,000
Urban Farming Expansion \$ 75,000
Building Codes \$ 50,000

Administration

Administration \$ 352,000

Total \$3,520,600

Upon approval of this report by City Council, OEQ will prepare the formula EECBG grant application for submittal to the U.S. Department of Energy.

cc: Larry Falkin, Office of Environmental Quality 