



City of Ketchum

March 21, 2022

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors
City of Ketchum
Ketchum, Idaho

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors:

Authorization to Provide Support to Blaine County's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application

Recommendation and Summary

Staff requests City Council authorize the mayor to sign the local grant match letter supporting Blaine County's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application.

"I move to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of support to provide a community match in staff time and funding for the Blaine County Hazard Mitigation Grant."

The reasons for the recommendation are as follows:

- The city has a sustainability action plan to support goals toward a resilient future
- The city has partnered with surrounding jurisdictions in its efforts to reach its clean energy goals
- The city has the funds to support this grant application

Introduction and History:

As part of the city/county sustainability action plan and the Blaine County Hazard Mitigation Plan, several of the participating jurisdictions identified the need to apply for grants to provide microgrid electrical generation facilities for critical public infrastructure facilities.

Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker is the staff lead on this project.

Sustainability Impact

This project aligns with the city and county's Clean Energy Goals.

Financial Impact

Funding will be used from the FY22 Capital Improvement Plan, where \$50,000 was allocated by Council for sustainability projects.



City of Ketchum

March 17, 2022

Susan Cleverley, CFM
Mitigation Section Chief
Idaho Office of Emergency Management
4040 W Guard Street, # 600
Boise, ID 83705

RE: Wood River Valley Microgrid Scoping Project Grant Application

Dear Ms. Cleverley:

The City of Ketchum is a partner and in full support of Blaine County's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application. If awarded, the funding will provide much needed resources for project scoping activities for evaluating a renewable energy microgrid for critical infrastructure in the Wood River Valley. Ketchum is partnering on this project to strengthen resilience toward our two most significant hazards and vulnerabilities; energy reliability and resilience, and climate change impacts. The project scoping activities will help us to prioritize, select, and develop a complete Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant application for a microgrid construction project.

We are committed to this project as part of our regional collaboration and value this partnership with neighboring cities, the county, and nonprofit stakeholders. Ketchum's wastewater treatment plant and water supply system are critical infrastructure necessary for protecting important community lifelines, including water, shelter, and public health.

The City of Ketchum is prepared to contribute toward the twenty-five percent non-federal funds match requirement. Staff time will be allocated toward preparation and attendance at meetings, gathering data, participating in site visits, reviewing documents, and providing input.

The City of Ketchum commits to a match of \$6,680.00 in staff time and \$5,000.00 in funding.

If awarded, the funding provided through the HMGP will provide the necessary resources for our community to evaluate the feasibility and develop an application-ready mitigation project. A renewable energy microgrid project will strengthen energy reliability and resilience against power outages. It will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity generation and contribute toward our transition to clean energy in support of our ambitious clean energy goals.

Sincerely,

Neil Bradshaw
Mayor