

STAFF REPORT UTILITY MEETING

AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Electric Utility

TITLE:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

SUMMARY:

Request for approval to apply for the EECBG. The Department of Energy (DOE) EECBG has allocated \$76,410.00 to the City of Lake Worth Beach but the City must still apply for the grant. If awarded, this amount may only be used for Energy Conservation activities.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The City's Electric Utility is requesting approval to apply for EECBG. The DOE has identified the following benefits that can flow to Disadvantaged Communities (DAC's) as a result of EECBG Program funding. Specifically, benefits include, but are not limited to measurable direct or indirect or positive project outcomes that achieve or contribute to the following in DACs:

1. Clean energy enterprise creation and contracting (e.g., minority-owned or disadvantaged business enterprises);
2. An increase in job creation, the clean energy job pipeline, and job training for minorities and returning citizens;
3. Increased parity in clean energy technology access and adoption;
4. Funds must be used to build a clean and equitable energy economy that promotes equity and inclusion in workforce opportunities and deployment activities, consistent with the Justice40 Initiative.
5. Funds must meet Build American/Buy American Act. Further, the EECBG Program encourages eligible entities to include the participation of underserved communities and underrepresented groups in the activities they undertake with EECBG Program funds. EECBG Program eligible entities are highly encouraged to include contractors and sub-contractors from historically underrepresented groups in their project scoping. Further, Minority Serving Institutions, Minority Business Enterprises, Minority Owned Businesses, Woman Owned Businesses, Veteran Owned Businesses, or entities located in an underserved community that meet EECBG program eligibility requirements are encouraged to be considered as sub-recipients for proposed EECBG Program-funded projects.
6. Projects related to regular maintenance or repairs are not eligible.

The full grant application is due January 1, 2024.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove applying for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG).

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis - N/A
Pre-Award Information Sheet