



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 01/04/18 03:00 PM
Department: Planning and Sustainability Department
Category: Grants
Functional Category: Housing

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7471

**Acceptance of Grant from Clean Energy Communities Program of
the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
(NYSERDA) for Greening the County Fleet and for Developing a
Business Energy Navigator Program**

WHEREAS, Tompkins County was the applicant to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities (CEC) grant program for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing cost-effective energy solutions for County government operations, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded grant funds from NYSERDA over a three-year implementation period for two purposes: (1) greening the County’s fleet and (2) developing a Business Energy Navigator program, and

WHEREAS, greening of the County’s fleet will advance conversion to plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) by matching County and potentially New York State incentive funds to cover the approximately \$10,000/PEV cost differential between a gasoline vehicle and a PEV, providing funds for materials required to install level one charging stations for each PEV, and supporting creation of a long-term schedule for conversion and rightsizing of the County fleet, and

WHEREAS, the Business Energy Navigator program will work with businesses in their earliest stages of design and conceptualization of new construction or major renovation projects to help set energy goals and understand energy options, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, in anticipation of the award of this grant, included in its 2018 adopted budget a portion of the grant funds and a portion of the matching funds, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD) has committed three years of funding contributions for 2018, 2019, and 2020 to support the Business Energy Navigator program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality and the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committees, That the County hereby accepts Clean Energy Communities Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 to be received over a three-year period,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any contracts related to this project,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized and directed to make the following adjustments to the 2018 Budget,

<u>Revenues</u>		
8020.43959	State Aid Planning	\$ -27,658
8027.43959	State Aid Planning	\$ 31,250
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	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,592

Expenditures

1	8020.51000049	Project Assistant	\$ 4,500
2	8020.58800	Fringes	\$ -6,871
3	8027.52125	Mechanical Equipment	\$ 3,600
4	8027.52231	Vehicles	\$ 10,000
5	8027.54444	Professional Services	\$ 7,199
6	8020.510000609	Sr. Planner	\$ -14,836
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8		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,592
9	SEQR ACTION: TYPE II - 7 (for greening fleet); TYPE II-21 (for Business Energy Navigator)		



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2 NOTE: The following Over-Target Request has already been included in the 2018 budget.
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4 **Continuation of Previous Years Business Energy Navigator Program**

5 In adopting the 2017 budget, the Legislature approved \$50,000 per year for three years to initiate the Business Energy
6 Navigator Program. The program is funded in part with a grant from New York State Energy Research and Development
7 Authority (NYSERDA) and funding from Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD). Commercial and industrial businesses
8 account for 40% of greenhouse gas emissions in Tompkins County. Recent studies indicate that business owners are often
9 interested in reducing energy consumption, but do not have the time or resources to take action. The Business Energy
10 Navigator Program will provide independent, neutral, expert advice and handholding to assist businesses to plan, evaluate
11 and finance energy improvements. The program will be promoted through and coordinated with initiatives such as the Ithaca
12 2030 District, TCAD, local banks, the Chamber of Commerce, and municipal governments. The program will serve both new
13 construction and existing structure upgrades.
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15	Revenues		
16	8020.43959	STATE AID PLANNING	\$ 58,908
17	8027.42070	CONTRIB FR PRIV AGENCIES	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
18		TOTAL	<u>\$ 93,908</u>

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20	Expenditures		
21	8020.51000609	SR.PLANNER	\$ 59,342
22	8020.54400	PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 2,500
23	8020.58800	FRINGES	\$ 29,285
24	8027.54442	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>\$ 52,781</u>
25		TOTAL	<u>\$143,908</u>