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MEMORANDUM

TO: HON. MARK D BOUGHTON VIA THE COMMON COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DST*
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION-ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT
DATE: 5/26/2009

Attached for your review is a resolution which would allow the City of Danbury to apply for and accept funding from the Department of Energy through its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

This funding, not to exceed \$775,000, will be used by the City of Danbury to implement energy efficiency and conservations strategies for its buildings and facilities. The Department of Energy anticipates making awards with a thirty-six (36) month period of performance and applicants must ensure that all funds are obligated for authorized activities within eighteen (18) months. No local match is required.

The Common Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting. If you have any questions or should require any additional information, please contact my office at 203-797-4652.

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Attach.

RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the US Department of Energy has made a funding opportunity available to the City of Danbury through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant as included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; and

WHEREAS, this funding, not to exceed \$775,000, will be used to implement energy efficiency and conservation strategies for City of Danbury buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy anticipates making awards with a thirty-six (36) month period of performance and applicants must ensure that all funds are obligated for authorized activities within eighteen (18) months and there is no local match required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, or Rick Palanzo, Superintendent of Public Buildings, as his designee, is authorized to accept this funding and execute on behalf of the City of Danbury all contracts, agreements or amendments and to take all actions necessary to accomplish the purposes thereof.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

As included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

What is the Purpose of the EECBG Program?

To assist eligible entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies—

- ✓ to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities;
- ✓ to reduce total energy use; and
- ✓ to improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors.

What Activities are Eligible Under the EECBG Program?

- Developing/implementing an energy efficiency and conservation strategy;
- Retaining technical consultant services to assist in the development of such a strategy;
- Conducting residential and commercial building energy audits;
- Establishing financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements (e.g., loan programs, rebate programs, waive permit fees);
- Providing grants to nonprofit organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits;
- Developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation (e.g., flex time by employees, satellite work centers, promotion of zoning requirements that promote energy efficient development, transportation infrastructure: bike lanes/pathways, pedestrian walkways, and synchronized traffic signals);
- Developing and implementing building codes and inspection services to promote building energy efficiency;
- Implementing energy distribution technologies;
- Developing public education programs to increase participation and efficiency rates for recycling programs;
- Purchasing/implementing technologies to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar sources;

- Installing light emitting diodes (LEDS);
- Developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources (solar and wind energy, fuel cells, and biomass); and
- Any other activity as determined by the Secretary of Energy in consultation with the Secretaries of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

What are the Requirements for Direct Block Grant Recipients under the EECBG Program?

- Not later than one year after receipt of first year funding, eligible communities are required to submit to DOE Secretary a proposed Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy as described under eligible activities, and which includes the goals and proposed plan for the grant.
- The Strategy shall be approved or disapproved by the Secretary within 120 days or returned to the entitlement communities for revision.
- No more than 10%, or \$75,000, whichever is greater, may be expended on administrative expenses (e.g., staffing);
- No more than 20% or \$250,000, whichever is greater, may be used for the establishment of revolving loan funds.
- No more than 20% or \$250,000, whichever is greater, may be used for the sub-granting to non-governmental organizations for the purpose of assisting in the implementation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy.

Annual Report—

- No later than two years after the date on which funds are initially provided to eligible communities and annually thereafter, the eligible communities shall submit to the DOE Secretary a report describing—
 - ✓ the implementation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy, and
 - ✓ energy efficiency gains.