

Charleston Green Team Meeting

Friday, May 21, 2021

12:00 pm

Meeting Held Virtually

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- I. Welcome
- II. EPA Grant for Energy Efficient WV and Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership re: energy efficiency for Charleston
- III. Other business/announcements
- IV. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm
- V. Adjourn

May 21, 2021

Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin
501 Virginia Street East
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mayor Goodwin:

We write in support of an opportunity to help increase energy efficiency in the City. As described in the attached letter, Energy Efficient West Virginia (EEWV) and the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership (NEEP) are applying for a grant with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support the city as a pilot program to provide energy efficiency solutions to vulnerable populations.

We are happy to serve as the point of contact for the grant, if it is awarded, and officially recommend that you submit a letter based on the attached in order to give EEWV and NEEP an additional letter of support for their application to the EPA.

Sincerely,

Charleston Green Team

Ted Armbrecht, Member
Linda Frame, Member
Patti Hamilton, Member
Justin Marlowe, Member
Pam Nixon, Advisor
Emmett Pepper, Chair
Rod Watkins, Member
James Young, Member

Attachment.

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[Date]

Energy Efficient West Virginia (EEWV)
Attn: Emmett Pepper
1500 Dixie Street
Charleston, WV 25311

RE: Energy Efficient West Virginia's Grant Proposal, *Communities in Transition - Creating Resilient, Equitable Environments*, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FON: EPA-OP-OEJ-21-02

Dear Mr. Pepper:

I am pleased to support the Energy Efficient West Virginia (EEWV) application to the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency. The proposed two-year project, *Communities in Transition - Creating Resilient, Equitable Environments*, will create a replicable model for stakeholder education, action plan development, and strategy implementation to deliver climate-resilient energy efficient solutions to vulnerable populations that can be replicated in other similarly-situated communities across the region.

The project team will work with a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to (1) assess understanding among the community of the benefits that energy efficiency can provide including health improvements, cost savings, and enhanced climate resiliency; (2) identify pathways and barriers to implementing programs (regulatory, local, workforce); (3) utilize the experience from the pilot communities to develop a replicable energy and resilience framework; and (4) develop community energy efficiency metrics to assess communities when programs start, identify any gaps in deployment, and monitor success.

If this project is selected for funding, the City of Charleston would be pleased to serve as a Pilot Community. The Charleston Green Team will serve as the project lead, with support from my office.

This initiative is very important to our region and nation in creating energy efficient, resilient, healthy communities in which to live and work. We hope that you will give this project priority consideration for funding, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with EEWV, U.S. EPA, and other project partners to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

[ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE]

Mayor Amy Goodwin
City of Charleston, West Virginia

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