



VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 10, 2021

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM NO. : 8

AGENDA ITEM: DISCUSSION OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR CLEAN ENERGIES COMMUNITIES GRANT AWARDS

ITEM BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST 2, 2021 FROM OFFICE OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO MAYOR ROSSILLO AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village of Dobbs Ferry

Mayor

Vincent Rossillo

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MEMORANDUM

From: Office of the Village Administrator

To: Mayor Rossillo and the Board of Trustees

Re: Request to submit application for NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities grant program

Date: August 2, 2021

With assistance and support from the Dobbs Ferry Sustainability Task Force, our Village has qualified for \$115,000 in grant funds through NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Leadership Round. In order to access the funds, we must "apply" for the grants no later than August 26th, and we must identify the projects for which we intend to use the funds.

The following are the actions our Village took and the associated grant awards we can access:

- \$5,000: Demand Response Community Campaign
- \$5,000: Community Solar Community Campaign
- \$5,000: Adopting the NY Stretch Code
- \$10,000: Achieving 3,000 High Impact Action points
- \$20,000: Achieving 4,000 High Impact Action points
- \$70,000: Achieving 5,000 High Impact Action points

High Impact Actions:

- Energy Benchmarking
- Clean Fleets
- Climate Smart Communities Certification
- Community Choice Aggregation
- LED Street Lights
- Unified Solar Permit

TOTAL: \$115,000

We propose applying the entirety of the grant funds to the upgrade of the Village Hall HVAC system. The recently completed Honeywell Building Solutions Feasibility Study, on which you will be fully briefed at the September 28, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting, recommends replacement of the Village Hall boiler unit, basement air handling units, rooftop air handling units, and air conditioning condensing units. The Feasibility Study is the first step toward an

Investment Grade Energy Audit, and estimates that replacing the system with similar but higher efficiency units will result in tens of thousands of dollars in utility cost and operational savings every year. The Investment Grade Audit, which will be phase II of the study, will examine the merits of simply upgrading the existing natural-gas powered system versus replacing the entire HVAC system with a more efficient electricity-powered air source heat pump system for both heating and cooling the building. NYSERDA has confirmed that our grant application can allow for this project flexibility depending on the results of the investment grade audit.

Thanks to the Sustainability Task Force

We are one of only four communities in our region to be awarded the top tier of financial awards for the clean energy actions our community has taken, and once again we could not have done this without the tireless volunteers on our Sustainability Task Force. As many of you know, we conducted two community campaigns earlier this year to promote the clean energy benefits of Demand Response efforts and Community Solar enrollment. Paddy Steinschneider, Janet Roseff, Linda Stutz, Jennifer Murphy, Robert Baron, and Nina Orville all contributed to making those campaigns a success. We also were recognized for adopting the New York Stretch Energy Code which Anilla Cherian helped usher through, and finally Ron DiRusso spent countless hours ensuring the Village can accurately track energy usage and produce annual energy benchmarking reports going forward so that we not only identify ways to save energy, but taxpayer money as well. We thank the STF volunteers for all of the work they have done to save our Village money while making it greener and more efficient.