



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the City Coordinator

Date: September 15, 2014

To: The Honorable Council Member John Quincy, Chair,
Ways and Means Budget Committee

Subject: Gift Acceptance for Energy Foundation Grant

Recommendation: Accept a gift of \$30,000 from the Energy Foundation

Department Information

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Approved by: Jay Stroebel, Interim City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee: Brendon Slotterback, Sustainability Program Coordinator

Financial Impact

Increase City Coordinator grant fund account 01600-8400200.

Supporting Information

The Energy Foundation has approved a grant to the City of Minneapolis, in the amount of \$30,000 for the support of our Building Benchmarking and Disclosure Ordinance. The grant period is twelve months, from September 1, 2014.

Supporting the implementation of the Minneapolis commercial building rating and disclosure policy

Minneapolis has a goal to maximize the impact of the commercial building energy rating and disclosure ordinance. The successful implementation of this ordinance, and associated improvements to building stock, will contribute to Minneapolis' aggressive climate action goals and provide a model for new approaches to energy efficiency programs in Minnesota communities.

The next 24 months will be critical for the long-term success of the ordinance to produce energy savings, and the City will benefit from increased capacity to manage this phase. Expanded support, in the form of a staff person and additional resources for building owner assistance, is very important in the next phase of the ordinance (2015-2016), when the next size class of commercial buildings will start reporting their data. These additional resources will help streamline ordinance compliance and leverage the possibilities of the ordinance to move building owners and managers to take action and make investments to reduce their energy usage.

The work enabled in part by this grant from the Energy Foundation includes two components: 1) building owner and manager technical assistance and outreach resources and 2) support for City activities including data analysis, coordination with information technology processes and ordinance compliance activities.

Key focus areas of this work will be ensuring a smooth roll-out of this new ordinance to the next size class of buildings (50,000-100,000 square feet), and developing outreach and engagement efforts that are effective at moving buildings owners beyond benchmarking to making energy efficiency improvements.