

On motion of Mr. Pepper, seconded by Mr. Portune the resolution was adopted by a two to one vote.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING HAMILTON COUNTY'S ENERGY CONSERVATION STRATEGY AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) FUNDING

BY THE BOARD;

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has appropriated \$3.2 billion dollars for the purpose of reducing fossil fuel emissions, reducing energy usage and improving energy efficiency in the building and transportation sectors;

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has been allocated \$4.8 million dollars, on a formulaic basis, for the pursuit of activities accomplishing this purpose;

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has drafted an Energy Conservation Strategy which utilizes its grant allotment in a manner consistent with the spirit and scope of the EECBG program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Board of Hamilton County Commissioners does hereby approve the Energy Conservation Strategy developed, in substantially the form that has been presented, and subject to alterations as needed to conform to the guidelines of the EECBG program;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Clerk be authorized and directed to certify copies of this resolution to Patrick Thompson, County Administrator, Jeff Aluotto, Assistant County Administrator – Public Services, and Todd Kinskey, Interim Director – Regional Planning Commission.

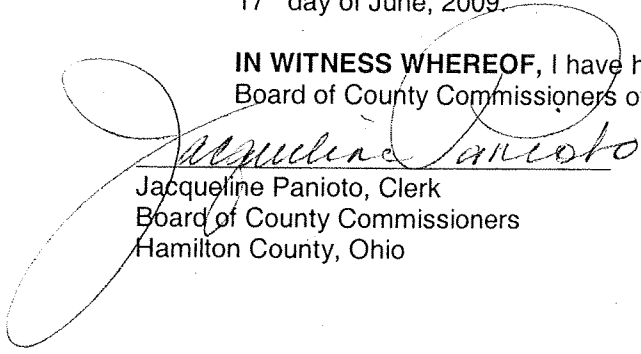
ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 17th day of June, 2009.

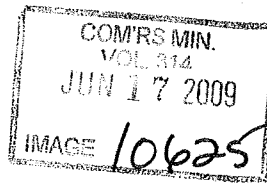
Mr. Hartmann NO Mr. Pepper YES Mr. Portune YES

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio the 17th day of June, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 17th day of June, 2009.


Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio



Hamilton County Administrator

Interdepartmental Memo

To: Board of County Commissioners
Cc: Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
From: Jeff Aluotto, Assistant County Administrator – Public Services
Subject: Energy Block Grant Strategy
Date: June 4, 2009

Commissioners:

Attached please find a draft of the Energy Strategy which County Administration has prepared in order to acquire the County's allocated share of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding offered through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The County's strategy has been developed in concert with numerous entities including Duke Energy, the City of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Energy Alliance, the Hamilton County Climate Initiative, the Regional Planning Commission, and others. Elements of the draft strategy, at this point in time, include:

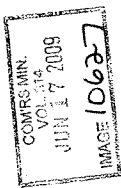
- Funding to enhance the cost-effectiveness of an Energy Performance Contracting program for County owned buildings.
- Funding to enhance the cost-effectiveness of an Energy Performance Contracting program for other public buildings in the County.
- Funding, provided in cooperation with Duke Energy and Cincinnati, to initiate energy efficiency low interest loan and grant programs to various economic niches of residential and institutional property owners in Hamilton County.
- Funding for alternative fuel vehicle procurement for local governments in Hamilton County.
- Targeted funding to assist with a specific workforce development initiative to initiate a pre-apprenticeship program for individuals entering the weatherization employment field.
- Funding for an alternative energy demonstration program on the Banks project.
- Funding to eliminate barriers associated with carbon credit aggregation in Hamilton County.
- Funding for the hiring of an Energy/Sustainability Manager for the course of the grant term to proactively monitor energy programming in County buildings and to assist surrounding jurisdictions with energy and climate programming.
- Funding for administrative and direct programming costs.

I will be attempting to schedule times to meet with Commissioners individually, prior to June 15th, when this strategy will be presented at the Board staff meeting.

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Presuming the Board concurs with the strategy proposal, or a modified version, we will look to submit this proposal by the June 25th deadline set by the Department of Energy. If not, the Administration will submit a "placeholder" application which will allow for an extended period of time to formulate a final strategy. DOE has communicated, however, that early applicants may receive funding substantially quicker than those entities which submit strategies later in the year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions in this matter.



Hamilton County Draft Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funding

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sub Amount</u>	<u>Total w/Partner Funding</u>	<u>Description</u>
Residential/Commercial Incentives	\$800,000		\$16,250,000	Community partnership with Duke Energy, City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Energy Alliance to enhance energy efficiency programming to all economic niches in Hamilton County
Residential Low-Middle Income Energy Efficiency Grants		\$150,000	\$2,500,000	Grants for energy efficiency projects to consumers between 200% and 300% of poverty level not served by existing weatherization and HWAP programs.
Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Program		\$275,000	\$5,000,000	Provide market-rate and subsidized loans for energy efficiency projects for consumers above 200% of federal poverty level.
Renewable Energy Grant Program		\$100,000	\$2,000,000	Provides grants for renewable energy projects.
Non-Profit/Public Entity Energy Efficiency Grants		\$150,000	\$2,500,000	Grants for energy efficiency projects to public and non-profit entities.
Economic Development Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Grants		\$0	\$1,500,000	Provides grants for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for major regional economic development initiatives.
Small Business and Non-Profit Energy Efficiency Loan Program		\$125,000	\$2,500,000	Provide market rate and subsidized loans for energy efficiency projects in the small business and non-profit sectors.
Workforce Development Scholarships		\$0	\$250,000	Provide scholarships for energy efficiency and renewable training and educational programs. Funding for audits and buy-down of financing of energy improvement projects in public buildings throughout Hamilton County.
Public Building Performance Contracting	\$1,500,000			Funding for targeted improvements to County buildings or buy down of financing costs for improvements identified through County performance contracting effort.
County Building Energy Improvements	\$950,000			Solar demonstration project at the Banks. To be leveraged with additional funding sources and surrounding communities with the development and implementation of energy conservation strategies per the goals of the Hamilton County Climate Initiative. Position will also be responsible for actively managing and reducing energy usage in County owned facilities.
Alternative Energy Pilot Project	\$400,000			Funding for investigation of permanent financing mechanisms for billing energy efficiency improvements to utility customers, investigation of enhancements to County's regulatory codes (building/zoning) to encourage energy efficiency in development and construction. Also funding for programmatic delivery, oversight and grant implementation.
Sustainability/Energy Manager	\$300,000			Incentivizing hybrid vehicle deployment within public fleets throughout Hamilton County. Budget for clerical assistance, travel, training, postage and incidentals associated with grant implementation
Policy Development / Direct Program Oversight	\$375,000			
Hybrid Vehicle Deployment	\$200,000			
Administrative Costs	\$200,000			
Carbon Credit Aggregation	\$75,000			Funding to secure engineering verification services for private or non-profit entities seeking to generate carbon credits for donation to Hamilton County specific aggregation operation.
Workforce Investment	\$40,000			Funding for creation of pre-apprenticeship program to weatherization training and services.
Total			\$4,840,000	