



***EcoSmart Choice*[®] Sustainability Grants
Application Form for 2022 Program Year
(Must be completed and returned by April 1, 2023)**

Pursuant to your *EcoSmart Choice*[®] contract and as a participant in the *EcoSmart Choice*[®] program during the calendar year 2022 (as applicable per enrollment), your community is eligible to receive a Sustainability Grant upon submission of this application. The availability of funds are a result of money remaining after the purchase of RECs have been made. Grants are pro-rated based on the total MWh enrolled in the *EcoSmart Choice*[®] program for the applicable previous calendar years. Please complete this form and return it to Corey Hawkey at chawkey@amppartners.org by April 1, 2023 and contact her at 614-307-9432 with any questions. Thank you for your participation.

Participating Member Community City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities, Division of Power

- **Please provide a brief description of a proposed sustainability project(s) for which you are requesting a Sustainability Grant. Attach separate sheets as necessary.**

Eligible projects must promote balancing environmental, economic, and community interests. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, installing solar or other renewable generation, tree planting in public parks and spaces, electric vehicle charging stations or incentives, energy efficiency and weatherization improvements to public buildings, supporting local charities, energy and environmental education programs in schools / for customers, economic development activities, etc.

The City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities, Division of Power requests a Sustainability Grant to enable it to offer smart thermostats at no or low cost to its customers in connection with the ongoing Enhanced Meter Project, which will install 17,000 power meters over the next few years. Offering smart thermostats to customers who do not currently have them will promote energy efficiency and conservation, as well as offer customers more control over their energy usage and costs. Smart thermostats are a very effective technology for reducing these costs because heating and cooling account for the largest share of energy consumption in households. Additionally, by pairing smart thermostats with the installation of enhanced meters, opportunities are unlocked for further customer engagement around demand response and encouraging off-peak usage.

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