



EcoSmart Choice® Sustainability Grants Application Form for 2024 Program Year (Must be completed and returned by April 1, 2025)

Pursuant to your *EcoSmart Choice*® contract and as a participant in the program during the calendar year 2024 (as applicable per enrollment), your community is eligible to receive a Sustainability Grant upon submission of this application. The availability of funds is 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 year. Please complete this form and return it to Corey Hawkey at chawkey@amppartners.org by April 1, 2025, and contact him at 614-307-9432 with any questions. Thank you for your participation.

Participating Member Community: **City of Columbus, 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 Division of Power has been providing residents with safe, affordable, and reliable electricity since 1899. A key component of the DOP system is the ~ 59,000 streetlights which foster safety within the community. In an effort to save energy, improve controllability, and enhance reliability, the DOP has been working to convert the existing high-pressure sodium lights to LED, as well as install streetlighting to neighborhoods that do not currently have any. So far, about 18% or 10,000 lights have been converted. The biggest challenge to completing this key project quickly has been funding. The City would like to propose using the Sustainability Grant funding to accelerate the streetlighting conversions. With this award, the Division of Power could do an estimated additional 90 decorative post and top conversions, 220 standard cobrahead models, or a mix of both as deemed practical.

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