



EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grants
Application Form for 2017 Program Year
(Must be completed and returned by April 6, 2018)

Pursuant to your *EcoSmart Choice* contract and as a participant in the *EcoSmart Choice* program during the calendar year 2017 (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 Erin Miller at emiller@amppartners.org by April 6, 2018, and contact her at 614-540-1019 with any questions. Thank you for your participation.

Participating Member Community The City of Columbus

- **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, energy efficiency and weatherization improvements to public buildings, supporting local charities, energy and environmental education programs in schools / for customers, economic development activities, etc.

See attached document

Application Submitted on (DATE) 4-6-2018 **by:**
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Green Energy Sustainability Dashboard – Grant Proposal Part 1

The City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities will work with MORPC and the Local Government Energy Partnership to determine if the Jade Track platform can be used to design and publish an online dashboard that tracks the Division of Power's green energy usage and other sustainability projects (i.e. LED Street Lights, AMI), and the overall greenhouse gas emissions reduction equivalents. The goal of this project is to establish an online repository to report to the community the division's sustainability commitments and progress.

If feasible, we estimate this final project to be \$20,000 of the total 2017 EcoSmart Grant. If after the assessment it is found that this online dashboard is not practical, all funds will be allocated to Part 2.

Power Payment Relief Program – Grant Proposal Part 2

The remaining EcoSmart Grant funds will be used to support a temporary relief program for current Division of Power economically disadvantaged customers having difficulty paying their bills. This program will serve as a pilot that will help drive a more permanent low-income customer assistance program for the division. In addition to the one-time credit, recipients will also be provided with a one-page educational document that offers simple energy savings tips.

The relief program will be executed as follows:

The DPU Power Payment Relief Program

Emergency funding is available to eligible residential customers of City of Columbus Division of Power who are having difficulty paying their electric bills or are at the point of disconnect. The DPU Power Payment Relief program will offer a one-time credit of up to \$150 to be put towards an electric bill. To apply, contact the Department of Public Utilities Call Center at (614) 645-8276 (week days from 7:00am – 6:00pm) to apply or visit DPU website for more information.

Please note:

- Funding is limited and provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Power Payment Relief program will run until funds are exhausted.
- This program can be used in conjunction with the senior discount program and an already established payment plan.
- Customers will receive a credit on their account which will be notated in the CUBS billing system.
- Emergency funding cannot exceed the total current balance on customer account.

In order to receive the one-time assistance you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a DOP residential customer with an active account in their name (or spouse's name).
2. Have an electricity account that is past due and in jeopardy of being disconnected.
3. Household must be less than 150% of the current U.S. Bureau of Census federal poverty level. Proof of income, for all household members over 18, can be in the form of one (or more) of these documents:
 - Income tax return or W-2 forms

- Benefit letter(s) from Social Security
- Pension award statement
- A Letter of Participation for one of the following services:
 - Food stamp benefits
 - Ohio Medicaid
 - Home Energy Assistance (HEAP)
 - Ohio Works First
 - Public housing benefits

Qualifying Income Levels are based on the household size and income of all household members over 18; the maximum gross income follows:

- (1) \$19,128.00
- (2) \$25,342.50
- (3) \$29,623.50
- (4) \$37,416.00
- (5) \$43,207.50
- (6) \$48,210.00
- (7) \$52,863.00
- (8) \$59,985.00
- (9) or more \$71,083.50



April 13, 2018

Tracie Davies
Director of Public Utilities
City of Columbus
910 Dublin Road
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Tracie:

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$147,684, your community's 2018 Sustainability Grant for participation in the EcoSmart Choice green pricing program. Congratulations!

As you know, the Sustainability Grant program was instituted, with approval of the Board, to return unused program funds to participating members. Sustainability Grants are thus intended to recognize EcoSmart Choice participating communities that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability through the promotion of environmentally focused community-based grant projects.

In an effort to promote the implementation and completion of your project, we would appreciate you provide AMP, at my attention (emiller@amppartners.org 614.540.1019), any (brief) notes or photos highlighting the project outcomes. The information would be greatly appreciated and ensure we are able to promote your project and participation in the EcoSmart program.

We value your ongoing participation in the program and are available to answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin Miller", with a long, sweeping underline.

Erin Miller
Director, Energy Policy & Sustainability

cc: Alana Shockey, Ron Campbell, Patti Austin, Kristian Fenner, Jonathan Lee

AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC.

CASH DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT
1111 SCHROCK ROAD, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43229-1155
(614) 540-1111

HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
COLUMBUS, OHIO
25-2/440

NUMBER

49661

DATE 12-Apr-2018

PAY

One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars And Zero Cents*****

\$147,684.00

TO THE ORDER OF

CITY OF COLUMBUS
90 WEST BROAD STREET 4TH FLOOR
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
United States



THIS CHECK EXPIRES AND IS VOID 45 DAYS FROM ISSUE DATE

[Signature]
[Signature]
TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED OVER \$5,000

THIS CHECK CLEARS THROUGH POSITIVE PAY

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| ECOSMART CHOICE SUSTAINABILITY GRANT 2017 | 06-Apr-2018 | 12-Apr-2018 | 901 | 147,684.00 |
| CHECK TOTAL: | | | | 147,684.00 |

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*Please deposit in
Advance Receipts until
a grant # is determined*

*Thankyou,
Debbie
Dir- Fiscal*