



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
NOTICE OF INTENT**

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Meeting Date: 5/10/12
Agenda Item #: R.10
Est. Start Time: 11:20 am
Date Submitted: 5/1/12

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT - Request \$33,000 in Grant Funds from the Oregon Department of Energy to Conduct a Commercial Energy Efficiency Feasibility Study**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: May 10, 2012 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 Minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Office of Sustainability
Contact(s): Tim Lynch, Office of Sustainability, Warren Fish, Office of the Chair
Phone: 503-988-4094 **Ext.** 84094 **I/O Address:** 503/6
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Tim Lynch, Climate & Energy Coordinator; Warren Fish, Senior Policy Advisor

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Permission to request and secure \$33,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds from the Oregon Department of Energy to conduct a feasibility study on the development of a property assessed clean energy (PACE) commercial energy efficiency financing program in Multnomah County.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs support energy and water efficiency and renewable energy projects in the community by making financing available to commercial property owners repaid through a voluntary property tax assessment. PACE programs leverage the stability of the property tax system to reduce borrowing costs, align repayment terms with cost savings, and provide lending where traditional lending may not be available. A number of local governments including Sonoma, CA, Los Angeles, CA and Miami, FL have initiated PACE programs, bringing significant resource conservation and economic

development opportunities to those regions.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The \$33,000 requested from the Oregon Department of Energy will allow the Office of Sustainability to hire a consultant (\$30,000) to conduct research and analysis and develop a feasibility study. The additional \$3,000 will cover the project management costs for the Office of Sustainability.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

In 2009, the Oregon Legislature (OR HB 2626) adopted The Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Technology Act, known as EEAST. This legislation enabled local governments to develop PACE financing models around the state. To date, no programs have been developed, but ODOE has indicated strong support for Multnomah County to move forward with a feasibility study around the development of such a program.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI) has formed a Task Force to study PACE financing and develop a recommendation for the County around whether or not the County should consider moving forward with such a program. As part of ACSI's work on this topic, it was recommended by community and industry experts that a formal feasibility study be commissioned before developing a recommendation to move forward with a program. The feasibility study that would be funded by the grant funds being requested would serve this purpose, and this request for funding is strongly supported by members of the ACSI PACE Task Force.

ATTACHMENT A

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**
Oregon Department of Energy
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**
No match is required by County, and project management costs are paid for by the grant. Limited weekly progress reporting is required and will be provided by the Office of Sustainability. The grant funds are American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant program sub-granted by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). Federal ARRA reporting will be done by ODOE. Though these are ARRA funds, no "Buy American" or Davis-Bacon requirements are tied to these funds. Project deliverable is the feasibility study to be completed by the selected vendor. ARRA requires documentation in the the feasibility study that it was funded through ARRA, which will be stipulated in the requirements to the selected vendor.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
This is a one time only grant. Project must be completed and delivered to ODOE by July 15th, 2012.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
There is no specific application timeline, but time is of the essence given the very short project window.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

The grant covers from the date of ODOE/Multnomah County contract signatures to July 15th, 2012.

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

Not applicable, limited duration discrete project.

- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

Yes.

ATTACHMENT B

Required Signatures

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

Kat West /s/

Date: 5/1/12

Budget Analyst:



Date: 5-1-12
