



Legislation Text

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Department: Electric Utility

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Adopt Budget Resolution 2024-125 to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to accept and appropriate grant award funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program in the amount of \$132,740

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS:

Fiscally Sustainable, Quality of Place

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ocala Electric Utility (OEU) is committed to continuously improving energy efficiency throughout its operational areas and services. Street lighting is a direct community service that enhances public safety. By converting inefficient high-pressure sodium (HPS) and metal halide (MH) streetlights to LED, staff estimates a 35 percent improvement in energy efficiency.

Local government funding assistance was identified under Section 40552(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021. The Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), allocated formula grant funding to eligible local governments for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.

OEU applied to the DOE for project funding assistance and received an award in the amount of \$132,740.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

The funds will be used solely to purchase LED streetlight fixtures to replace inefficient HPS and MH fixtures. The City of Ocala will cover all construction, labor, and administrative costs. Without the EECBG grant funds, the City would not pursue any streetlight efficiency replacements for the foreseeable future.

OEU's strategy is first to replace lights along the arterial roads to achieve the greatest benefits. As additional funding is identified, OEU will move to collector and local/residential roads.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The DOE awarded funding of \$132,740 will be appropriated by resolution to account # 332-060-227-531-69-65010.

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

ALTERNATIVE:

- Adopt with Changes
- Deny

BUDGET RESOLUTION 2024-125

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,740

WHEREAS, local government funding assistance was identified under Section 40552(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), awarded formula grant funding allocations to eligible local governments for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala Electric Utility is committed to continuously improving energy efficiency throughout its service areas and has identified projects qualified for funding; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded \$132,740, the maximum award under the DOE formula grant funding allocations to local governments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA, duly assembled in regular session, that the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget be amended as outlined below:

SOURCE:

332-331-000-000-09-33132

US Dept of Energy Grants

\$132,740

USE:

332-060-227-531-69-65010 Construction In Progress \$132,740

This resolution adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF OCALA

By:
Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk

By:
Barry Mansfield
President, Ocala City Council

Approved as to form and legality:

By: _____
William E. Sexton
City Attorney

Reviewed for accounting accuracy & completeness:

By: _____
Peter A. Lee
City Manager