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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 11188-2021

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR GAMMELLA

AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO
ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)
2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUND,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park, County of Cuyahoga, Ohio (the "Grantee") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2021 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee has previously entered into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc., to receive one or more NEC Grant(s); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: The Council of the Grantee (the "Council") finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Grantee to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and to accept NOPEC's grant(s) for 2021; therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 6, 2021

M. P. Vecchio
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Michelle Blazak
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: [Signature]
MAYOR
4/7/2021
DATE

CERTIFICATE

Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance/Resolution No. 11188-2021

passed on the 10th day of April
20 21 by said council.

Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

I, Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Council for the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that there is no newspaper of general circulation in the municipality and that publication of the foregoing ordinances/resolutions was made by posting true copies at five of the most public places in said municipality as determined by Ordinance No. 4838-1975; location City Hall 6161 Engle Road, Police Station 17401 Holland Road, #2 Fire Station 22530 Ruple Parkway, #3 Fire Station 17401 Holland Road, Brook Park Library 6165 Engle Road, for a period of fifteen days.

commencing April 13, 2021
Michelle Blazak
MICHELLE BLAZIK
Clerk of Council

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I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN
INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND CORRECTNESS

[Signature]
DIRECTOR OF LAW



NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant 2021 Program Policies

NOPEC, Inc. and NextEra Energy have established the NOPEC Energized Community Grant Program, which provides grants to existing NOPEC member electric and gas communities. Existing member communities are defined as those with metered accounts enrolled in NOPEC's electric and/or gas aggregation during the previous calendar year. The new grant program year will begin on January 1, 2021, with the primary goal of providing funds to help communities implement energy savings or energy infrastructure measures.

NEC grants are intended to be used by member communities primarily for energy related projects. Member communities will be permitted, on a case-by-case basis, to use grants for purposes other than energy efficiency or energy infrastructure improvements.

The policies governing the grant program have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Economic Development Director (EDD) will have oversight and day-to-day management responsibility for the program.

Deadlines: NOPEC member communities that wish to accept the grant award must have a completed and approved profile by June 30, 2021. All grant funds must be secured by October 31, 2021. Secured funds include applications approved to escrow funds or complete a project. Any grant funds not accepted, with an approved community profile by June 30, 2021, or secured through the application process by October 31, 2021, will be returned to the grant pool.

Eligibility and Notification: Existing NOPEC member communities enrolled in both gas and electric on January 1 will be paid cash grants at the rate of [\$4] per enrolled account for gas and [\$6] per enrolled account for electric per year. Existing NOPEC member communities enrolled in the gas program only will be paid cash grants at the rate of [\$3] per enrolled account. Existing NOPEC member communities enrolled in the electric program only will be paid cash grants at the rate of [\$5] per enrolled account. Enrolled accounts will be determined based on an average, using Q2 and Q3, of metered accounts of the previous calendar year. If an existing community was not enrolled for both quarters of the previous year, an average of the metered accounts enrolled for a minimum of three consecutive months will be applied. The minimum community grant amount will not be less than \$250.00, Member counties and regional council of governments (COG) will also receive grants based on the communities and programs enrolled through the county or COG

membership. Grants will be calculated using the same averaging method as the community grants. County and regional COG members will receive [\$1.50] for gas and [\$2] for electric, per enrolled account per year, in communities enrolled for both programs, and [\$.50] for gas or [\$1.00] for electric, in communities enrolled for a single aggregation program.

The Chief Elected Official and the Chief Financial Official of member communities, regional COG and counties will be notified by letter in January of the grant amount available for its use. Each community must enter into a grant agreement, if it has not already done so, with NOPEC, Inc. Each year, the community must pass legislation accepting the grant and identifying the position (with person currently holding that position) authorized to conduct on-line program activities on behalf of the community. All grant activities, including the application and disbursement request processes, will be completed and submitted online.

Processing: The first step for the NEC grant program is creating a community profile in the on-line grant program for a new community. Communities that completed this step in a previous year should review the profile and update the information, as needed.

As part of the profile, all communities will upload a pdf file of the legislation approved by the member community accepting the NEC grant. Communities that are receiving a grant for the first time will also execute and upload a pdf file of executed Grant Agreement. The deadline to accept the grant and upload the required documents for the profile step is June 30, 2021. Any grant funds not accepted with an approved community profile will be returned to the grant pool.

Communities must complete the application process to qualify a project for grant funds. New applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Appropriate supporting documents (e.g., project quotes) should be attached, if available. All applications must be submitted electronically in the grant system.

Staff will review each application to determine if it meets the criteria and formally approve each project funded. Communities may begin the project during the review process but it does not guarantee funding approval. Projects that are determined to be emergencies, based on immediate health and/or safety issues, may be eligible to begin without formal approval.

Eligible projects include those that reduce electric and/or gas utility consumption through facility improvements and/or implementing infrastructure improvements. Examples include interior and exterior lighting, windows and doors, insulation, HVAC, geothermal and solar. Street lights and traffic lights are also eligible, if a demonstrated utility savings to the community will result. Examples of ineligible projects would include vehicles or equipment (other than an emergency generator) that are powered by battery, gasoline or diesel, and do not reduce utility costs. Project examples for eligible energy infrastructure include natural gas filling stations, electric vehicle charging

stations and emergency generators. Installing power to a facility such as a gazebo or baseball field are other examples of eligible energy infrastructure.

Grants may also be used to benefit commercial properties. Options include covering the cost of energy audits or set-up costs for establishing an Energy Special Improvement District. Programs benefitting residents are also eligible. Providing residents LED light bulbs or establishing a residential energy audit program funded by the NEC grant program are two examples.

Multi-jurisdictional projects are eligible. Each community must apply for its own grant funds in a multi-jurisdictional project. Non-NOPEC members may be part of a multi-jurisdictional project but will not be eligible for any grant funds from NOPEC.

If a community completed a project that meets the eligibility requirements within the previous calendar year it may submit that project for the grant. Communities may also choose to escrow the grant award (or a portion of it) for a future year, but the escrow period is not to exceed an additional two years from the original grant year.

If a member community conducts an energy audit for the proposed project, the community may obtain the audit service through NOPEC's Energy Advisor audit program. Audit costs may be defrayed with grant funds, whether obtained through NOPEC's program or contracted with a third party. The audit must be performed by a credentialed professional.

Once the application is reviewed and approved, the community will receive written confirmation. Each approved project will become an exhibit to the Grant Agreement.

Project Completion and Funds Disbursement: Communities are responsible for contracting all work to be completed for community-owned facilities or projects, in accordance with local requirements, with qualified professionals. Monthly disbursements will be made for approved projects until the funds have been depleted, with a minimum disbursement amount of \$5,000 for interim disbursements. For projects of \$5,000 or less, the grant will be disbursed upon project completion. All disbursements will be made by Automatic Clearing House (ACH) process to an account designated by the community. All disbursements for an approved project must be requested no later than the year following the original grant year. Projects approved for the 2021 grant year cycle must request all disbursements before December 10, 2022.

This is not a reimbursement grant, i.e. communities are not required to pay the invoice prior to submitting it for a grant disbursement. Communities create the Disbursement Request(s) for each approved application with appropriate supporting documents submitted on-line. Appropriate supporting documents include invoices or AIA forms for work completed, or signed contracts that specify an advance prior to the start of the project. Quotes or proposals are not acceptable documents for Disbursement Requests. The EDD will review all disbursement requests and submit them for

processing to the NOPEC CFO. All disbursements are approved by the Executive Director or other authorized person.

Any grant dollars, including balances, not applied for or escrowed by the community by October 31 of the current grant year will be forfeited by the community and returned to the grant pool. The grant term will be for calendar year 2021. NOPEC will close out a community's grant when all grant funds have been disbursed or any remaining funds are returned to the grant pool.

Reports: Communities using grant funds for energy efficiency projects will submit an annual report to NOPEC for two years following project completion, if the project is selected for measurement and verification. The report will provide information on the energy saved (measured by units and dollars) in the previous year resulting from that project. This report will be prepared by a third-party consultant contracted by NOPEC, Inc. The community will agree to authorize NOPEC to provide the appropriate utility account information for the designated project site to the consultant for the purpose of completing the annual reports.

The EDD will track all open grants and provide periodic status reports to the NOPEC Executive Director and to both the NOPEC and NOPEC, Inc. Boards of Directors. Reports will include the number of communities with open grants available and the total funds disbursed to date.

All determinations made by NOPEC, Inc. and NOPEC in administering the NEC Grant Program shall be final, conclusive and binding on all grant recipients.

NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
(2021 NEC GRANT(S))

ORDINANCE¹

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY
TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL
(NOPEC) 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS

WHEREAS, the (CITY OR VILLAGE) of BROOK PARK, Ohio (the "GRANTEE") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2021 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE has previously entered into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. on _____ [DATE] to receive one or more NEC Grant(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE (CITY/VILLAGE) OF BROOK PARK, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Council of the GRANTEE (the "Council") finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the GRANTEE to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2021, and authorizes the Mayor to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor of the GRANTEE.

DATED ADOPTED: APRIL 6, 2021

President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his/her
Approval on this _____ day of
APRIL 14, 2021

ATTEST:
this 14th day of April, 2021

Approved by the Mayor
[Signature], 2021

[Signature: Michelle Blazek]
Clerk of Council

[Signature: Brook Park]
Mayor, (City/Village) of _____

¹ NOTE THAT THIS IS A MODEL FORM. EACH MUNICIPALITY (AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION) MUST COMPLY WITH ITS CHARTER AND ANY SPECIFIC LOCAL RULES, PROCEDURES AND ORDINANCES.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Fiscal Officer of the Council of
_____[CITY/VILLAGE], Ohio

I, Gregory M. Cingle, as Fiscal Officer of the Council of BROOK PARK
[CITY/VILLAGE] of Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 11188-2021 adopted by the Council of said
BROOK PARK [CITY/VILLAGE] on the 6th day of APRIL, 2021.

Energized Community (NEC) Grant

The NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant Program provides grants to NOPEC member communities for energy-related projects.

Established by NOPEC Inc. and NextEra Energy, the primary goal of providing funds is to help implement energy savings or energy infrastructure measures.

Steps to Securing your Grant Dollars

1. Submit Profile - Due by June 30th

- A. Accept funds by passing community legislation
- B. Sign grant agreement if you did not enter into one in 2020

2. Submit Application - Due by October 31st

Communities can submit multiple applications for projects and/or escrow funds. Please make sure your entire available balance is secured.

Questions? Contact Jessica Chiano at 440.249.7072 or grants@nopec.org.

Ideas for 2021 Grant Projects

Grants can be used for government, residential and commercial properties. Here are some examples of what you can use for your grant dollars:

- LED signs
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Insulation
- Energy-efficient windows
- Solar-powered LED stop signs
- Energy-efficient air conditioner
- Electrical upgrades
- Generators
- Door replacement
- LED lighting upgrades
- Service garage insulation
- Energy-efficient metal roof system
- Installation of radius ceiling fans
- Energy efficient kitchen appliances

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NEC Grant vs. Community Sponsorship

NEC Grant		Sponsorship
January 25, 2021	Program Start	December 1, 2020
CEO/CFO by physical mail and email	Notice Recipient	CEO/CFO by physical mail and email
Jessica Chiano 440.249.7072 grants@nopec.org	Contact Person	Courtney Freyhauf 440.249.6114 sponsorships@nopec.org
www.nopecgrants.org	Website	www.nopecsponsorships.org
1. Profile 2. Application 3. Disbursement	Process	1. Profile 2. Request Form 3. Disbursement
Profile is due June 30 Application is due October 31	Deadline	June 30
Energy-efficiency or infrastructure projects	Eligible Activities	Non-religious, non-political public events
HVAC, lighting, roofing, windows, solar, etc.	Examples	Family fun days, fireworks

