



GRU/UAB Recommendation on Community Weatherization Coalition (CWC)

Item #160374

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UAB Recommendation

- On September 14, CWC requested UAB's support to request funding from the City Commission for \$77,375
- UAB recommended that NO GRU funds be provided to CWC, and
- CWC work with the City to find an alternate funding source

GRU Contributions to CWC

GRU Financial Support

- **2008**
 - \$10,400 for 18 audits (amount includes \$5,000 start-up payment)
- **2009**
 - \$15,600 for 52 audits
- **2010**
 - \$16,500 for 55 audits
- **2015**
 - City Commission recommendation to award \$3,000 up front and fund up to \$25,000 for FY16
 - Paid \$3,000 May 22, 2015
- **2016**
 - \$14,750 for 59 audits
 - \$21,298 for the DEED grant
- **2017 (Projected)**
 - \$31,181 for 2nd installment of DEED grant

Efficiency Kits

GRU has provided CWC with audit and weatherization kits which contain or have contained the following:

- 2 Dye tablets
- 12 Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- 2 Universal faucet aerators
- 3 GRU temperature strips
- Low-flow massaging showerhead (coupon for customer to pick-up at GRU)
- Outlet gaskets
- Bill calculation sheets, appliance usage tables, LEEP^{plus} applications and rebate program information



APPA DEED Grant

American Public Power Association DEED Grant

- \$85,193 awarded to GRU for CWC
 - Pass through
 - No Administrative Fees
- Two year project term (5/1/16 – 5/1/18)
- Evaluate best practices for reducing energy use in low income neighborhoods
- Compare households that receive conventional surveys with households that receive surveys in a neighborhood targeted with community based social marketing materials (CBSM)

Cooperative Service Agreement

2016 Agreement Details

- Partnership between GRU and CWC
- Perform basic efficiency repairs that exceed the scope of a standard GRU energy survey
- Allocated up to \$25,000
 - \$250 per home
 - 100 homes
- Agreement expired 9/30/16

Scope of Work

- Conduct an energy survey
- Install efficiency measures such as (all measures not listed)
 - Pipe insulation on refrigerant and hot water lines
 - Replace incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient lighting
 - Adjust hot water temperature
 - Clean refrigerator coils
 - Limited exterior caulking

Scope of Work

- Review and install energy efficiency pack provided by GRU. Pack contains:
 - Bill calculation sheets
 - Appliance usage tables
 - LEEP^{plus} application
 - 2 dye tablets
 - 3 temperature strips
 - 2 packs of outlet gaskets
- Final report to include savings and energy impact results as it relates to education, repairs and weatherization

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that:

- 1) GRU continue to administer DEED grant funds, estimated to be \$31,181 in FY17 and \$32,714 in FY18;
- 2) GRU provide no other direct funding to CWC for FY17 given current budget constraints;
- 3) Staff continue to provide the CWC with Energy Efficiency Kits for each GRU customer they survey;

The UAB recommends that:

- 1) No GRU funds be provided to the CWC;
- 2) The CWC work with the City to find an alternative funding source.

Questions?