



Legislation Text

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Commissioner David Arreola - Department of Energy Grant Opportunity (B)

During the October 25, 2021 Joint City and County Water and Climate Policy Board meeting, members discussed Alachua County's application for a grant opportunity pertaining to community solar energy. One of the challenges of tackling climate change is community education and funding for renewable energies. Staff suggested this obstacle could be overcome by applying for assistance through the U.S. Department of Energy's Local Energy Action Program (Communities LEAP). Communities LEAP, which was launched on September 15, 2021, is designed to help communities "take direct control of their clean energy future". If awarded this grant, Alachua County and Gainesville could partner with community organizations to fund clean energy opportunities in the community.

- 1) Authorize GRU General Manager to co-sign with Alachua County's application for the Department of Energy grant; and
- 2) Direct GRU to coordinate with Alachua County and community organizations with potential grant implementation.