



Legislation Text

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Low Income Household Energy Efficiency Study (NB)

Staff is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the University of Florida partially funded from an American Public Power Association Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) grant to implement a Low Income Household Energy Efficiency Study.

Low-income households spend a disproportionate amount of their income on utilities. Previous billing records indicate that many low-income households use more energy per square foot than a typical customer in our system. Conservation services staff applied for and received a grant from the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) to determine key reasons for this high energy intensity and develop recommendations to reduce energy intensity in low income households. During the grant application process the University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities agreed to partner with the utility on this grant project.

The City Commission 1) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the University of Florida's Program for Resource Efficient Communities to implement the Low Income Household Energy Efficiency Study at a cost not to exceed \$50,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) the City Commission authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to accept a \$25,000 grant award and execute a contract with American Public Power Association's (APPA) Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) to implement the Low Income Households Energy Efficiency Study, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

The APPA DEED grant will cover \$25,000 of the contract with UF and the additional \$25,000 is available in the utility's FY '06 O&M budget.

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