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The Honorable Andy Gardner
Mayor
The City of Willoughby Hills
35405 Chardon Road
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Dear Mayor Gardner:

Congratulations! The City of Willoughby Hills is receiving a NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) grant of \$32,902.00 for 2020. NOPEC* and NextEra value your community's membership and are awarding this grant to help your community achieve even greater savings. The NEC grants are offered to help you implement energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects that will benefit your community for years to come.

The NEC grant program features multiple options and greater flexibility for your community to get the greatest benefit from your grant, while reducing the paperwork required. Funds can be used for community-owned facilities, for residents, for businesses, or escrowed for a future year's project. We're including examples of eligible activities, but this list is not all-inclusive.

We're excited to be able to offer the grant program again this year and we've designed it to make the whole process as streamlined as possible. All NEC grant program information and materials will be available online. There's no need for you to mail any documents with this grant program! Later this month, you'll receive an e-mail with detailed instructions on how to access this information and get started on completing the 2020 grant process.

Please note there is a new profile submission deadline of June 30, 2020. Completing this step by the deadline will let us know you want to take advantage of the grant program this year.

Our staff is available to help at any point during the process. NOPEC's Loan and Grant Associate, Jessica Chiano, is managing the NEC grant program. Feel free to contact her by email at grants@nopec.org or by phone at 440-249-7072 if you have questions. Your Relationship Manager, RM NAME, is also available to help you with your questions. We look forward to receiving your application!!

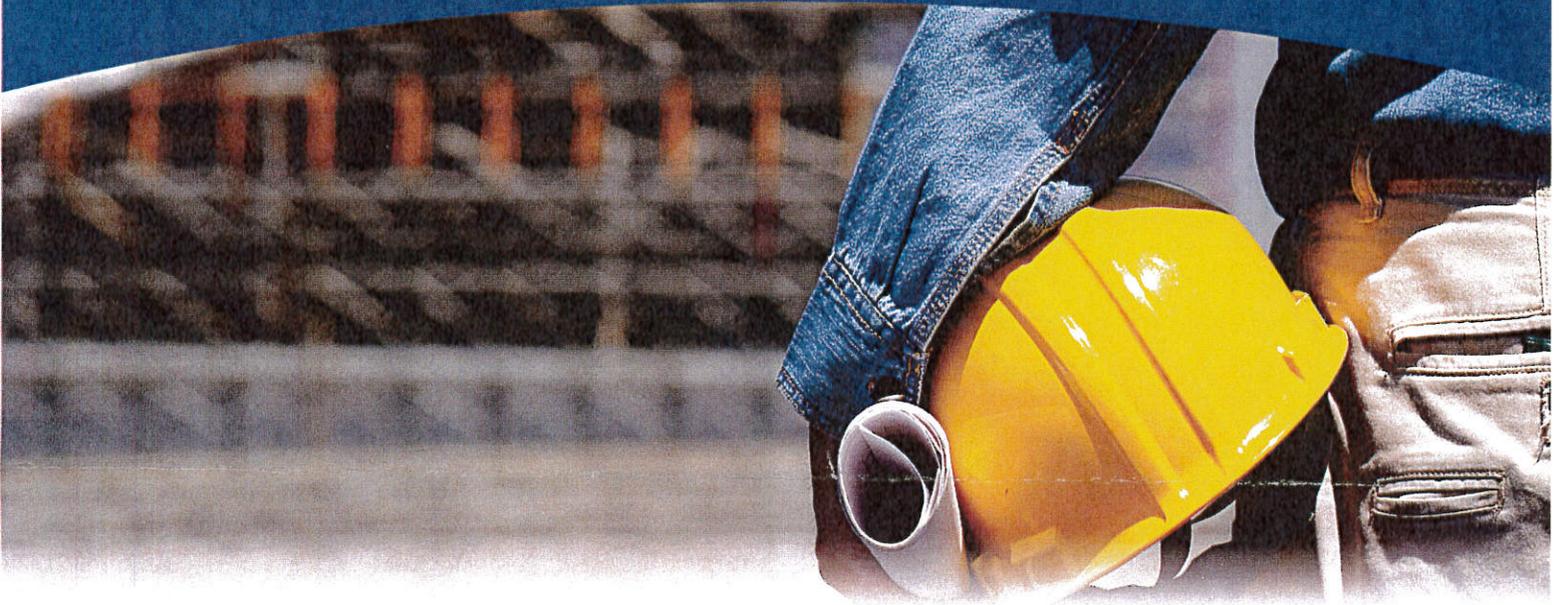
Sincerely,

Chuck Keiper
Executive Director

cc: Frank Brichacek, Chief Financial Officer
Genny Costanzo, Relationship Manager

*The NEC grant program is funded and administered by NOPEC, Inc., an affiliate of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC).

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. Approve Community Legislation

2. Sign Grant Agreement

The person authorized by the legislation must be the one to sign the grant agreement.

3. Create Profile

Contact name entered must match position/person identified in the grant agreement.

4. Create Application

Communities can submit multiple applications for projects and/or escrow funds.

Ideas for 2020 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