

**DANE COUNTY  
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

AMENDING THE OFFICE OF ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE BUDGET TO ACCEPT AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Policy Analysis Statement:**

Brief Description of Proposal -

The Office of Energy & Climate Change (OECC) is receiving an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) formula allocation from the US Department of Energy (DOE). Consistent with DOE guidelines, OECC will use the funds to contract with three community-based organizations to support increased resident participation in state and federal programs that help households save energy.

Current Policy or Practice -

Amend the budget through County Board and County Executive approval to create revenue and expenditures lines for the DOE funds.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

OECC will proceed to select and contract with three community-based organizations. The organizations will do outreach and engagement, increasing both renter and homeowner participation in state and federal energy programs, leading to more affordable housing costs for participants. Additionally the community-based organizations will build capacity around the energy issues facing their constituents.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

<u>Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -</u>	<u>Budget Effect (check all that apply)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> No Budget Effect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Increase	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increases Rev. Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Increase	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increases Exp. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Rev. Budget
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Position Authority
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	Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

**Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:**

At present this is one-time federal funding that OECC is using to spur resident participation in short-term federal programs that aim to reduce household energy costs and increase comfort and safety. There is some potential for additional federal or even state funding to expand these efforts once OECC demonstrates the efficacy of this approach. If successful, we will spur more federal funds invested in local housing, making that housing safer and more affordable for residents.

**Expenditure/Revenue Changes:**

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal	\$266,890			
Contractual Services	\$266,890				State				
Capital					Other				
<b>Total</b>	\$266,890	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>Total</b>	\$266,890	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:**

In parallel with this funding DOE is providing OECC with a full-time Energy Fellow for up to 18 months; that position will help to manage this contract, which means there are no changes to OECC FTE or LTE staff.

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