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**Subject:** RE: best practice/examples community based energy efficiency initiatives  
**To:** Kiera Bulan <kbulan@ashevillenc.gov>  
**Sent:** February 9, 2023 8:27 AM (UTC-05:00)

Kiera,

Do you have any thoughts on reaching out to Sustainability Institute or Green Spaces? I'd be happy to send an email. I below is a draft for the ED at Sustainability Institute. Thoughts?

Bryan,

*The City of Asheville and Buncombe County are updating our RFP for a community campaign to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts across the county (currently called The Blue Horizons Project). Through Meg Jamison, we've heard about the good work that the Sustainability Institute is doing toward similar goals. We've browsed your website for programming inspiration and we're reaching out for any other pearls of wisdom you may have.*

*What EE, renewable energy, and outreach programs, particularly for commercial and low-income residential, have been most impactful for you all? How are you measuring that impact? Has the IRA influenced any major program shifts? Any particularly well-written or innovative Scope of Work contract language that you could share, would be very helpful.*

*Thanks for allowing us to find inspiration in you work!*

*Jackie and Kiera*

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**From:** Meg Jamison <meg@southeastsdn.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 7:29 AM  
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Sustainability Institute in Charleston does a lot of home ee work and critical home repair work - Bryan Cordell is their ED  
green | spaces does less of this work but they are thinking more critically about how to engage more in harder nuts to crack, like ee and weatherization for renters, workforce development, building codes, etc. Michael Walton is their ED.  
Happy to connect y'all, and also you could browse their sites and see what you can glean from them...  
Happy to chat more with y'all about this too... lmk!  
Thanks!  
Meg

**Meg Williams Jamison (she/her)**  
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(Connecting with you from Asheville, NC)

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On Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 3:37 PM Kiera Bulan <[kbulan@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:kbulan@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:

Hey Meg,

Jackie and I are working through the RFP for our BHPCC relaunch and hoping you could share the two groups (or more) that you mentioned being impressed by at the Kendeda meeting? We're hoping to be inspired by the programming and metrics setting & management!

Welcome any other groups you might be familiar with, but know there were ~2 other community based orgs at that meeting.

thanks!

Kiera

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