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Subject: Re: Updates the NREL grant
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Sent: June 13, 2024 3:51 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Draft Letter of support NREL Grant BHPCC.pdf

Good call, it is not on behalf of but as the Chair.

See attached.

On Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 3:26 PM Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org> wrote:

I also need to be clear on your statement about Commissioner Newmans letter of support. This issue has not been brought before the County Commission therefor he is not submitting a letter “on behalf of the County Commission”. He should only be submitting it on behalf of himself. It may not seem like much but it is an important distinction. If he isn’t putting it on BOC letterhead then we’re all good.

Thanks,



Jeremiah LeRoy

He/Him

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From: Blue Horizons Project Chair <chair@bluehorizonsproject.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:49 AM

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Subject: Updates the NREL grant

Hi Jeremiah, Jackie, Bridget, Kiera, Maggie, and Parker,

I wanted to provide you with an update as we are getting ready to submit the application for the C2C partnership.

FYI - Brownie has signed a letter of support on behalf of the County Commission. It would be wonderful to have something from City officials, staff or elected representatives. I had a working session with Jennifer Bennett yesterday to make sure that language is comfortable for DEPW, and she is exploring if they will be able to offer a letter of support.

There is a framework budget at the bottom of the draft that includes staff allocations. Based on the feedback we received from City and County sustainability staff there is not allocation for those offices, but the funding is dedicated to allow LOSRC to hire a staff person to predominantly work on the in depth partnership and recruitment of C&I participants, and the augment the City and County's support for staff at GBA to convene the BHPCC, which will serve as the stakeholder advisory committee for the project

We are still doing some fine tuning, but the substantive elements are in there and roles and responsibilities are all there. You are still welcome to review and offer feedback in [REDACTED] you have had access to since our first meeting, but please do so today. The latest draft is also attached as a word document for your convenience and consideration.

LOSRC will be submitting tomorrow mid-day.

Thank you,

Michelle

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Michelle Myers

Chair, [Blue Horizons Project Community Council](#)

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June 10, 2024

To: National Environmental Renewable Laboratory

From: Brownie Newman, Buncombe County Commission Chairman

Re: The application for an in-depth partnership with Blue Horizon's Project in Buncombe County for the NREL's C2C program.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Land of Sky on behalf of the Blue Horizon's Project. The mission of the BHP is already deeply aligned with the mission of the National Environmental Renewable Laboratory (NREL) to achieve the objectives of national energy adaptability autonomy, resiliency and sustainability.

The Blue Horizon Project is a collaboration of residents with Buncombe County, the City of Asheville and Duke Energy to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042. In 2023, these community partners developed a strategic plan which identifies initiatives to encourage the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency by businesses and industrial facilities, along with other sectors of our community. The in-depth partnership with NREL would enable a more robust and technical engagement with the private sector to encourage voluntary adoption of the cleaner and more efficient energy systems.

Buncombe Count is the most populous county in western North Carolina. Our organization is committed to the transition to clean, renewable energy through the on-site installation of renewable energy, building electrification, demand management strategies and other innovations on both public sector facilities and on a community-wide basis.

We support the Blue Horizons Community Council in their pursuit of a grant from NREL as part of our overall community clean energy strategy.

Sincerely,



Brownie Newman,

Chairman, Buncombe County Commission

