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Subject: Re: Updates the NREL grant
To: Blue Horizons Project Chair <chair@bluehorizonsproject.com>
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Sent: June 14, 2024 11:56 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: BHPCC NREL C2C LOS COA.pdf

Attached is a letter of support on behalf of the City's Sustainability Department. Please keep me posted on this application!

Appreciate all the hard work from the BHP, GBA and LOSRC team!

On Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 3:50 PM Blue Horizons Project Chair <chair@bluehorizonsproject.com> wrote:
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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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 [the working draft](#) 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 14, 2024

To: National Environmental Renewable Laboratory
Re: Land of Sky Regional Council's (LOSRC) Application to NREL's C2C Program: In-Depth Partnerships

To whom it may concern,

The City of Asheville Sustainability Department supports Land of Sky Regional Council's (LOSRC) application to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) Program: In-Depth Partnerships to advance private commercial and industrial sector investment in clean energy with the Blue Horizons Project.

The City of Asheville is a founding member of the Energy Innovation Task Force which created the Blue Horizons Project in 2018 to provide education, outreach and programming to support our residents and businesses in transitioning to a clean energy future. Now, the Blue Horizons Project is advised by the Blue Horizons Project Community Council of which the City is still a member and supports through a contract with a community based organization.

Since 2018 the City of Asheville, in partnership with Buncombe County, has funded community-based organizations to implement initiatives such as the Energy Savers Network, Solarize Asheville-Buncombe, Neighbor-to-Neighbor (a low-to-moderate income solar program), Electrify Asheville-Buncombe and more as part of the Blue Horizons Project. In large part, these programs have focused on residential sector engagement.

The City of Asheville supports LOSRC's application to engage the private commercial and industrial sector businesses and solicit voluntary participation in a program that provides tailored analysis on energy efficiency, demand reduction and renewable energy strategies and educates them on the federal, state and utility incentives available to make those investments more cost effective. The City of Asheville agrees to support LOSRC in the development and implementation of such a program in an advisory capacity.

We are excited for this application as it brings a new and important partner to join the Blue Horizons Project with the technical expertise needed to expand the Blue Horizons Project's reach to the commercial and industrial sector.

Sincerely,

Bridget Herring, City of Asheville Sustainability Director

