

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE : May 15, 2018

TO : Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb Sr.

FROM : Charles Wikenhauser, Director, Zoological Department

SUBJECT : Authorization to Apply for and Accept an Energy Innovation Program Grant through the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Request

The Zoo requests authorization to apply for and accept a Fiscal Year 2019 Energy Innovation Grant Program grant under the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Background

In 2016, the Zoo completed a Clean Energy plan with HGA Architects and Engineers. This plan resulted in several recommendations to make Zoo operations more efficient, conserving resources and saving money. The recommendations include installation of utility submeters to gauge water and electric usage at specific areas within the Zoo. Ten electric and eleven water submeters were identified as the highest priorities.

A new funding opportunity has been created through the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin – Office of Energy Innovation (PSC). The Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIG) funds projects that plan for, or implement, an energy efficiency or renewal energy project in Wisconsin.

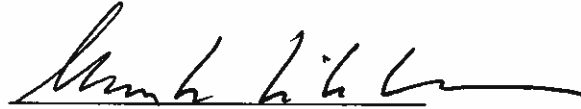
The Zoo would like to apply for and accept a grant through the EIG to offset the costs of purchasing the submeters recommended through the Clean Energy Plan. The estimated cost of purchasing the submeters will not exceed \$45,000. Grant notification will be announced in August of 2018 and if awarded, project activities will begin in 2019 and completed prior to December 31, 2019. Expenditure and revenue authority for this grant will be included in the Zoo's 2019 Budget Request.

Matching Funds Requirement

EIG grants do not require matching funds. Zoo staff time needed to install the submeters will be included as an in-kind match to this application

Recommendation

The Zoo Director recommends authorization to apply for, accept, and implement an Energy Innovation Grant Program grant through the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.



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