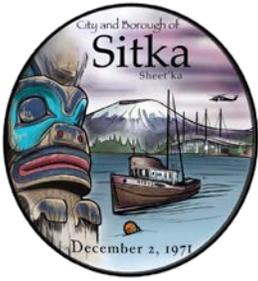


POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2021-04 on first and final reading authorizing the Municipal Administrator to apply for the National Renewable Energy Laboratories Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project.



City and Borough of Sitka

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Coast Guard City, USA

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator *JL*

From: Scott Elder, Electric Utility Director *Scott Elder*

Date: February 2, 2021

Subject: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) application.

Background:

The City and Borough of Sitka has repeatedly demonstrated its support for renewable energy and concern for climate change; most recently, with the creation of the Climate Action Task Force. CBS now has an opportunity to apply for a Department of Energy funded program whose focus is to ramp up resilience in remote island communities. The NREL will work alongside community-based partner organizations over a 12 to 18-month period to assist communities in developing community-driven work plans that support energy system planning and implementation and that prioritize community safety, sustainability, and self-sufficiency. The program aims to empower communities to identify and advance strategic, whole-system solutions customized to their needs.

Analysis

Applicants will be scored in three main areas to determine selection. By issuing a statement of support, the CBS demonstrates its commitment to this program. The following items are key portions of the selection criteria.

1. Their chosen objectives to be achieved through energy resilience efforts
2. The candidate's likelihood of implementing plans developed through technical assistance
3. The commitment from relevant decision-makers to support the technical assistance objectives developed by the community.

Fiscal Note

If the CBS is selected, the Department of Energy laboratories will work with the CBS to achieve higher energy resilience at no cost. The only investment that Sitka will have is

staff labor costs associated with collaboration.

Recommendation

Approve the Resolution supporting the ETIPP application and pursuing assistance with the NREL.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORIES (NREL) ENERGY TRANSITIONS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT (ETIPP)

WHEREAS, renewable energy and climate change are issues for which the CBS has repeatedly demonstrated its support; and

WHEREAS, the CBS desires to show the NREL that the CBS has a firm commitment by its stakeholders and a proven track record of implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; and

WHEREAS, CBS has previously created the Sitka Climate Action Plan Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Climate Action Plan Task Force issued the 2010 Climate Action Plan which prompted CBS Assembly members to pass resolution 2009-37, setting a 25% reduction target for municipal greenhouse gas from the 2003 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the CBS Electric Department's interruptible electric boiler program reduced the municipal greenhouse gas levels by 64% from the 2003 baseline which is approximately 2 1/2 times the goal set in 2010, equaling a reduction of CO2 by 2,407 tons in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CBS desires to continue its success by finding new partners to collaborate with; and

WHEREAS, the NREL program is in alignment with the goals and ambitions of the CBS, with a focus on energy resiliency, renewable energy development, efficiency planning, community training, grid analysis, short and long-term planning, program financing, carbon reduction, permitting, new technologies, disaster preparedness, and resource analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka hereby supports the project and authorizes the CBS Municipal Administrator to apply for the National Renewable Energy Laboratories Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 9th day of February 2021.

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 2/9/2021

Sponsor: Administrator