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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350
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CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY)	ORDER
PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY)	
ENERGY PLANNING)	DOCKET NO. QO21030678
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TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE)	DOCKET NO. QO21030676

Parties of Record:

Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel
Brenda Kraemer, P.E., Assistant Municipal Engineer, Township of Lawrence

BY THE BOARD:

By this Order, the Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") considers Staff's recommendation to approve the following application submitted to the Community Energy Plan Grant Program:

- Township of Lawrence

BACKGROUND

On March 29, 2019, the Board approved the Community Energy Plan Grant program through a Board Order entered under the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget docket.¹ The program was designed to provide communities and local government with the opportunity to localize the Energy Master Plan's ("EMP") goals to their own communities.

In accordance with the Board's Order in May 2019, Staff has developed and administered an application process for Community Energy Plan Grants.² Through the program, communities and towns identify which strategies are most applicable in their communities, what obstacles may

¹ In re the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 Trued Up and Revised Budget, BPU Docket No. QO18040393 (March 29, 2019).

² The application process for the program was approved in May 2019. In re New Jersey Clean Energy Program Fiscal Year 2019 Community Energy Planning, BPU Docket No. QO19040497 (May 8, 2019).

exist, what opportunities there may be, and which BPU incentive programs or other state programs may help them move towards the goals of the EMP.

Awards are based on the quality of the application, identification of strategies to achieve program goals, and population. To be eligible for an award, applicants must receive a minimum of 30 points out of a possible 80. The score consists of four metrics: Planning Committee, Past Successes, Opportunities Identified, and Environmental Justice Engagement. The maximum grant allocation is based on the applicant's population, as follows:

Population of under 10,000: \$5,000.00
Population of 10,001 to under 25,000: \$10,000.00
Population of 25,001 to under 50,000: \$15,000.00
Population of 50,001 to under 100,000: \$20,000.00
Population of over 100,000: \$25,000.00

The Board received a grant request from Lawrence Township on March 6, 2020. Lawrence identified several opportunities, including calculating its carbon footprint, approaching firehouses and recreational facilities for emission reduction practices, and establishing educational programs to better align with EMP goals.

An evaluation committee comprising Board Staff ("Staff") reviewed the application on March 9, 2020, and the Township of Lawrence received 53 points. At the time of application submission, the Township of Lawrence had a population of 32,668.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of Lawrence's application and authorization for Staff to disburse the grants requested by Lawrence in accordance with BPU procedures.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

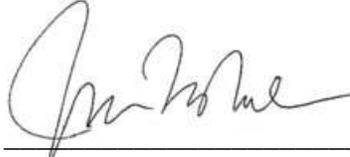
Following careful consideration, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the Township of Lawrence application was submitted, reviewed, and deemed complete. The Board **FURTHER FINDS** that the Township of Lawrence had a population of 32,668 at the time of submitting its application. The Board **HEREBY APPROVES** a Community Energy Plan Grant of \$15,000 to the Township of Lawrence.

The Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** Staff to disburse \$15,000 in funding from the program budget in accordance with BPU procedures.

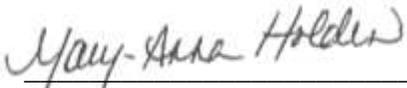
The effective date of this Order is April 17, 2021.

DATED: April 7, 2021

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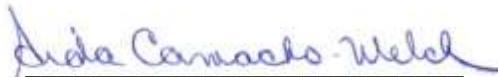


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COMMISSIONER



BOB GORDON
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH
SECRETARY

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