

## Clean Energy Partnership Program Updates Q2 Board Meeting 2018

### City of Minneapolis

#### **Climate and Energy Programming From the Franchise Fee Increase Announced for 2018**

New and expanded clean energy programming for 2018 was recently announced by the City's Division of Sustainability at the Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights, and Engagement (PECE) Committee meeting on March 26. Through a collaborative engagement process with the Clean Energy Partnership, the following programs totaling nearly \$1,000,000 were selected:

#### **Residential Programs**

- Energy efficiency program outreach in Green Zones via community-based organizations
- Free Home Energy Squad (HES) visits and 0% interest home insulation & air-sealing loans for residents in a Green Zone and low-cost/no-cost options for other residents
- Feasibility and market study for an on-bill, inclusive financing program in Minneapolis
- Green Housing Cost Share program (coordinating with the City's Affordable Housing 4d pilot, the City's Green Zones areas, and the utilities' Multifamily Building Efficiency (MFBE) program)

#### **Commercial and Industrial Programs**

- Green Business Cost Share program (coordinating with the City's Green Zones areas and Xcel Energy's Small Business Refrigeration program)
- Fund business district / council-led small business energy efficiency engagement through the City's Business Technical Assistance Program (B-TAP).
- Workforce Development Assessment for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Sectors

To learn more about these programs being developed, please see the March 26 [presentation](#) and the [detailed programming breakout](#).

#### **100% Renewable Electricity Resolution**

The Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Jacob Frey established goals on April 27 for Minneapolis to move to 100 percent renewable electricity: for municipal facilities and operations by 2022 and citywide by 2030. These goals serve as a strategy to meet the City's aggressive greenhouse gas emission reduction and climate change goals by moving away from fossil fuels. The [resolution](#) responds to overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is a real and existential threat to human civilization and is caused primarily by the combustion of fossil fuels. The City noted in the resolution our opposition to the rollback of climate policy at

the federal level and reaffirmed our ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

## **CenterPoint Energy Updates**

### **Energy Data Aggregation Tool Project**

- CenterPoint Energy is on-track to launch the Energy Data Aggregation Tool (Tool) by the end of 2018.
- The Tool will facilitate benchmarking of multi-tenant buildings by aggregating energy use for the whole-building while adhering to data privacy rules.
- The Tool project team has met key milestones, including: engaging a contractor (Accelerated Innovations), hosting a stakeholder kick-off meeting, and drafting customer privacy protection protocols.
- Currently, the project team is outlining program processes for acquiring tenant consent for data request and how to transfer that data.

## **Xcel Energy Updates**

### **Electric Vehicle Pilot with Minneapolis**

Xcel Energy and the City are working on a pilot for electric vehicle charging infrastructure for the City fleet. City Staff has indicated it would like to start with their light duty fleet and has identified four sites for 80-130 electric vehicles and the associated charging infrastructure. As part of the process to determine what this pilot should look like, City staffs are considering fleet usage patterns and discussing rate options. Stations will be located both indoors and outdoors. Xcel Energy is currently holding EV stakeholder workshops that kicked off May 21 to find out what our customers and stakeholders are looking for as they work to meet sustainability goals and green their fleets. Topic specific workshops on fleet, fast charging, home charging and an additional currently open topic run through early August with the Pilot filing scheduled for early September. Key contacts: Brette Hjelle, Luke Hollenkamp & Robin Garwood.

### **Small Business Refrigeration Program**

Xcel Energy's program focuses on small business refrigeration at grocers, convenience stores, liquor stores, etc., was launched in early May. The hired implementer is CEE, who has also been contracted by the City for Green Business Cost Share (GBCS) rebate management. We will do targeted outreach in Minneapolis, working with the City, EVAC small business group and other business organizations, with Green Zones a priority. Xcel Energy, the City and CEE have met to discuss leverage, implementation, financing options, geographic outreach, marketing materials and communications. Rebates for the Xcel Energy program can reach 50% of incremental costs, GBCS will offer an additional 30% of project cost in green zones and 20% everywhere else in the City. The first Xcel Energy marketing blast was released statewide as the Minneapolis specific coordination was not ready. The next marketing blast(s) by both Xcel Energy and the City will be released end of May/early June. Primary city contact: Patrick Hanlon