

“Partnership Activity” draft concepts under development

On March 30 (Q1 Board meeting), the CEP Board requested the development of 2-3 “Partnership Activities” for each priority category: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Inclusive Financing. On May 7 (Q2 EVAC meeting), the CEP Planning Team conducted a brainstorming session with EVAC to help generate potential activity ideas. The Planning Team considered EVAC’s ideas and further developed many into the concepts listed below. The Planning Team regards the following list to collectively represent potential CEP Activities that are pragmatic and achievable for the next Work Plan. The Planning Team requests EVAC’s review and feedback on the following list via discussion on July 16 (Q3 EVAC meeting).

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Conduct a research effort to identify high residential natural gas users and the contributing factors of high usage. Develop and pilot individually customized strategies and more accessible marketing materials to dramatically increase residential energy efficiency with a focus on building envelope upgrades.
Create a commercial office building sector cohort to realize significant energy conservation by targeted and measurable outreach efforts to buildings with the highest energy use intensity <u>and</u> highest energy use.
Pursue new “Performance Path” to Energy Efficiency for City facilities by providing discrete bundles of service according to progression in energy management.
RENEWABLE ENERGY
Conduct an Xcel EV Infrastructure pilot with City fleet vehicles and maximize renewable electricity consumption based on actual and modeled renewable resource production.
Create a pathway for meeting the City’s 100% renewable electricity enterprise goal after the current Renewable*Connect tranche subscriptions expire while meeting the City’s priorities. Include a potential to expand citywide, helping to reaching the community-wide goal.
Add 4D NOAH participation as eligibility criteria to upcoming Low Income Solar*Rewards program with a focus on Minneapolis outreach and promotion.
INCLUSIVE FINANCING
<p>***Q3 Board meeting will feature reporting back on legislative and regulatory pathways</p> <p>The following definition of inclusive financing was adopted at the Q2 Board meeting:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Inclusive financing allows direct investment in resource efficiency upgrades on the customer side of the meter through an on-bill approach regardless of the customer’s income, credit score, or renter/owner status. Under this definition debt is not accrued by the customer.”</p> <p>Advocate for inclusive financing at the State Legislature and/or Public Utilities Commission, if inclusive financing is determined to be feasible and can reasonably favor customers.</p> <p>Develop an inclusive financing pilot project, if it is determined to be legally feasible and reasonable for the implementer and their customers.</p>