



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the Public Benefits Program Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership in the amount of \$50,000 (EUD)

MEETING DATE: September 5, 2001

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership in the amount of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Two years ago, the City of Lodi Electric introduced the Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership. This program provides a dollar-for-dollar rebate (funded through the Public Benefits Program) to small business owners and managers for the purchase/installation of designated energy conservation measures, including:

- weather-stripping and/or insulation;
- ceiling fans and/or attic ventilators;
- shade screens and/or awning covers;
- window tinting;
- HVAC/refrigeration (such as a one-time diagnostic and preventative maintenance service for each HVAC unit);
- Special projects (such as mechanical system replacements or system upgrades).

To date, over 200 small businesses (designated by the G-1 electric utility rate) have participated in the program. On average, these customers have reduced energy consumption from 5% to as much as 20% on a monthly basis.

By way of this Council action, the Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership would be funded at \$50,000, and be extended until these funds are exhausted. The City of Lodi Electric Utility respectfully recommends approval of this program as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program.

FUNDING: 164605 - Public Benefits Program – (Category: Demand-side Management)

Funding Approval: *Vicky McAthie*
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Alan N. Vallow
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Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Programs

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C: City Attorney

APPROVED: *H. Dixon Flynn*
H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO RENEW THE PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAM - LODI
SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY SERVICES PARTNERSHIP GRANT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000

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WHEREAS, the State has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1M per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, in May 1999, the City Council approved the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership, which provides commercial customers on a G-1 electric utility rate, a dollar-for-dollar rebate of up to \$500 for the purchase and installation of various energy conservation measures. Those specific measures include lighting retrofits, shade screens and awning covers, window tinting, ceiling fans and attic ventilators, insulation and weather-stripping, special projects such as major HVAC system replacements or upgrades, and HVAC/refrigeration diagnostic and preventative maintenance service; and

WHEREAS, rebates will be available from September 5, 2001 and until such time as the funds are exhausted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to renew the Public Benefits Program - Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership Grant in the amount of \$50,000; and

Dated: September 5, 2001

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-212 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held September 5, 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor
Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk