

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution.

Resolution 220635 authorizes the City to accept a \$60,000 grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to support Milwaukee's efforts to utilize a holistic housing approach through improved coordination and updates to existing citywide programming to address barriers to energy efficiency work, such as outdated electrical wiring and roofing repairs. The purpose of this grant is to support Milwaukee's efforts to utilize a holistic housing approach through improved coordination and updates to existing citywide programming to address barriers to energy efficiency work, such as outdated electrical wiring and roofing repairs.

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

This holistic approach to housing will advance racial and health equity by increasing access to energy efficiency programs and services for traditionally under-served residents, including Black and Brown families, low-income families, and older adults. It aligns with ARPA funded work in ECO that supports energy efficiency projects in qualified census tracts.

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

Milwaukee has a high number of older, energy inefficient, and structurally deficient housing stock that impacts low-income and households of color more severely than other populations. Energy-efficiency projects can help building owners reduce operating expenses. This proposal was inspired in part by a recent series in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that highlighted a dangerous amount of out-of-code electrical wiring in low-income households.

4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

The City's racial equity goals include improving equity practices of existing and new City services, strengthening outreach and community engagement with people of color, strengthening partnerships with community stakeholders, and ending disparities in City government. The Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office is working toward these goals through its efforts to better coordinate housing and health services among community organizations and government departments. In particular, ECO is engaging communities of color on on housing repairs through a separate EPA Environmental Justice grant. ECO is also working with community partners such as the Social Development Commission (SDC) and/or Revitalize Milwaukee.

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

The Milwaukee Energy Efficiency program tracks the number of homeowners served, improvements made, dollars allocated, and energy savings in its yearly reports. Viewing program metrics will allow for greater visibility as to the geographic locations of outdated knob and tube electrical wiring in the city and measure the direct energy efficiency savings as a result of completing these basic system updates.

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

ECO will target these resources to neighborhoods with high energy burdens and communities of color. We are interested in exploring using these funds to supplement the Weatherization Assistance Program or Revitalize Milwaukee's programs targeted to older Milwaukeeans.

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