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Indiana's Office of Energy Development (OED) Announces Winners of 2016 Winter Community Conservation Challenge Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (December 21, 2016) — The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) today announced the three winners of the Community Conservation Challenge (CCC) grants. The grantees will share more than \$170,000 to help support their unique, Hoosier-based community energy conservation projects.

The CCC program offers financial assistance to non-residential entities for projects that reduce an organization's energy consumption or generates energy from renewable sources. By diversifying energy sources and reducing energy consumption, grantees may reduce their exposure to fueling price shocks and improve their access to affordable, reliable energy.

Recipients of the 2016 CCC grants are:

Marion Utilities - \$80,000

Marion Utilities will add Oil and Grease Receiving Stations which will increase the production of biogas and alleviate the need for supplementing the fuel ration with natural gas. This process will:

1. Boost methane production;
2. Ensure the CHP generator is fully sustainable on 100% methane;
3. Save oil and grease haulers time and money by providing a centrally located dump station and;
4. Move closer to becoming net zero regarding energy consumption at the wastewater treatment plant.

Marion Utilities will save 457,800 kilowatt hours (kWh) of energy resulting in an estimated annual savings of \$34,209.

City of Shelbyville Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) - \$74,441

The WRRF project involves replacing their facility's High Pressure Sodium (HPS) bulbs with energy efficient Light-emitting Diode (LED) bulbs. Also included in the proposal is the installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system to be installed on the roof of one of the existing buildings at their facility. This system will offset approximately 1.3% of the utility consumption. Shelbyville WRRF intends to utilize additional solar PV systems in the near future for additional energy offset.

WRRF will save 275,226 kWh of energy resulting in an estimated annual savings of \$23,124.60.

YMCA of Muncie – \$19,495

YMCA of Muncie's project will include eliminating 1,079 electrical ballasts/ T-8 fluorescent tubes and replacing them with energy efficient non-ballasted LED tubes in all light fixtures at the Apple Tree YMCA. This will include educational components to educate the parents and families that YMCA serves on the importance of energy conservation and reducing their energy costs.

YMCA of Muncie will save 80,796 kWh of energy resulting in an estimated annual savings of \$8,052.

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About the Indiana Office of Energy Development

OED coordinates energy initiatives with executive branch agencies, houses energy-related programs, and works to support a strong, comprehensive, coordinated energy plan for Indiana. The office also administers grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. These grants promote the use of alternative power and fuels, energy efficiency and public education on energy issues in Indiana.



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