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South Shore Clean Cities providing technical support for Indiana Office of Energy Development Public Safety Resilience Grants

Program to fund cleaner energy, fuel projects

ST. JOHN, INDIANA — South Shore Clean Cities, Inc. is partnering with the Indiana Office of Energy Development to provide technical support for the office's Public Safety Resilience Grants.

The competitive grants of up to \$50,000 per project are designed to enhance resilience through reinforcing infrastructure, technology enhancements, diversified energy resources and critical planning. No minimum match is required, however, projects that demonstrate other funding sources will have an increased chance of being funded.

"Energy costs can represent a significant portion of an operating budget and the Indiana Office of Energy Development believes this grant can not only help public safety entities mitigate those financial burdens, but also provide support for ongoing resilience efforts at the same time," Indiana Office of Energy Development Executive Director Jennifer Richardson said. "We are pleased to offer this funding opportunity and look forward to building new partnerships along the way."

Eligible applicants include entities that lead public safety and emergency response, including but not limited to fire service, law enforcement, local units of government and emergency management services.

Grantees can benefit from resiliency improvements in a variety of ways, such as reducing overall energy costs through the use of new technologies and cleaner fuel choices. Energy and fuel costs can be significant budget line items for public safety agencies and municipal governments. The program seeks to make improvements that will help alleviate some economic pressure.

"South Shore Clean Cities is pleased to be selected by the Indiana Office of Energy Development to provide technical support for the program," South Shore Clean Cities Executive Director Carl Lisek said. "Supporting efforts to expand resiliency for emergency responders through the adoption of

clean energy and fuels supports the Clean Cities mission and we look forward to seeing the new projects come to fruition."

The grant applications are due to the Indiana Office of Energy Development Sept. 30. All applications must be submitted electronically. The full grant solicitation and application is available online at <https://bit.ly/3gpqxss>.

For technical assistance with a grant application or more information, please contact South Shore Clean Cities Executive Director Carl Lisek at (219) 644-3690 or cisek@southshorecleancities.org.

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About South Shore Clean Cities: South Shore Clean Cities is a nonprofit, member-based coalition dedicated to promoting sustainable transportation in Northern Indiana. South Shore Clean Cities is one of nearly 100 U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities coalitions. The coalitions partner with members in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to increase the use and implementation of sustainable transportation and its infrastructure. The programs supported by South Shore Clean Cities and its members support domestic fuels, strengthen the nation's energy security, reduce dependence on imported oil, improve air quality and support local jobs and the local economy. Learn more at www.southshorecleancities.org.

About the Indiana Office of Energy Development: About the Indiana Office of Energy Development: The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) was established to shepherd the state's energy plan. OED focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive energy planning for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources and supports a strong, dynamic, and growing economy. OED coordinates state energy policy 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. Learn more at <https://www.in.gov/oed/>.