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ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR BURNSVILLE BUSINESSES

City to coordinate $37,500 in Federal Funds for Energy Audits and Upgrades

Burnsville is home to over 2200 businesses and a new grant program is here to help them improve the bottom line by reducing energy consumption. Upgrades to energy efficient lighting, heating and air conditioning systems, office equipment and more may now be in reach for businesses, saving them both money and helping the environment at the same time.

The Burnsville Energy Efficiency Grant Program will provide grants of up to $1000 for an energy audit and up to $7500 for energy efficient projects. These grants will require a one to one match from participating businesses and funds will be available on a first-come, first served basis. A total of $37,500 is available through the program.

The grants are made available through a federal program enacted in 2007 with the Energy Independence and Security Act. The federal program gives grants to local governments to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and for improvement in energy efficiency. The City of Burnsville will use the funds to reduce energy consumption in public facilities but has also decided to assist businesses in reducing their energy consumption. Each application will be reviewed to insure compliance with energy saving measures prior to awarding the grant

Information and an application form can be found on-line at www.burnsville.org in the link "energy block grant." Questions can be directed to Skip Nienhaus, Economic Development Coordinator, at 952-895-4454 or skip.nienhaus@ci.burnsville.mn.us.

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