

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,733.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and has been awarded a NOPEC Energized Community Grant Award in the amount of \$50,733.00; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to use the funds in utilizing to hire a consultant to work with the Community Development Department on the various aspects of locating, financing and administering a solar array in the community.

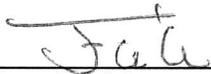
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the NOPEC Energized Community Grant Award in the amount of \$50,733.00.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: March 19, 2025
Date



Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: March 19, 2025
Date

ATTEST: 
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2025-018, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON March 19, 2025.

(SEAL)



KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: March 10, 2025

TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager

FROM: Bridget Susel, Community Development Director *BSD*

RE: NOPEC Energized Community Grant

The City of Kent has received notification from NOPEC that it has been awarded \$50,733 in NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) grant funding assistance for 2025. The NEC grant is provided annually to all NOPEC communities.

The 2025 funding will be utilized to hire a consultant to work with the Community Development Department on the various aspects of locating, financing and administering a solar array in the community.

I am respectfully requesting that the acceptance of the NEC grant be added as an unauthorized item for the March 19, 2025 Council meeting. If you need any additional information in order to add this to the agenda, please let me know.

Thank you.

Cc: Hope Jones, Law Director
Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council



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Chairman

CHUCK KEIPER
Executive Director

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January 8, 2025

Jerry Fiala
Mayor
Kent
215 East Summit Street
Kent, OH 44240

Dear Mayor Fiala:

Congratulations! Kent has been awarded a NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) grant of \$50733 for 2025. NOPEC* and our supply partner NextEra Energy value your community's membership and are awarding this grant to help your community to continue your energy efficiency projects to achieve future savings on your utility bills. Please accept your 2025 NEC Grant award by completing your community profile by June 30, 2025.

Please note important disbursement-related dates below:

2025 NEC Grant –Important Dates			
Year	Amount	Available for Disbursement	Deadline to Disburse
2023 Balance	\$54794	Available Now	November 30, 2025
2024 Balance	\$48800	Available Now	November 30, 2026
2025 Award	\$50733	Available when 2025 Profile is approved	November 30, 2027

Later this month, you'll receive an e-mail with detailed instructions on how to access your community's grant information. NOPEC's Community Investment Manager, Jessica Renner, is available by email at grants@nopecinc.org or by phone at 440-249-7072.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Chuck Keiper
Executive Director

*The NEC grant program is funded and administered by NOPEC, Inc., under agreement with Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC).

NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant

The **NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant Program** provides grants to NOPEC member communities for energy-related projects. Established by NOPEC Inc. and NextEra Energy, the primary goal of providing funds is to help implement energy savings or energy infrastructure measures.



Ideas for 2025 Grant Projects

Grants can be used for **government, residential, and commercial properties**. Here are some examples of what you can do with your grant dollars:

- Lease or purchase of plug-electric vehicles
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Energy-efficient windows
- Solar-powered LED stop signs
- Energy-efficient air conditioner
- Tree canopy restoration
- Electrical upgrades
- Generators
- Door replacement
- LED lighting upgrades
- Service garage insulation
- Energy-efficient metal roof system
- Installation of radius ceiling fans
- Energy efficient kitchen appliances

Secure Your Grant Dollars

Step 1: Submit Profile at nopecgrants.org — Due by June 30th, 2025

- A. Accept funds by passing community legislation
- B. Complete grant agreement

Step 2: Draw Funds — Due by November 30th, 2027

- A. Submit disbursement requests

Questions?

Contact Jessica Renner, Community Investment Manager, at grants@nopecinc.org