

## Information Item

**Date:** January 10, 2023

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager  
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**Subject:** Update on Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

**Strategic Focus Area:** Healthy Environment

**Strategic Objective:** Support Green Initiatives

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Department of Energy has been given \$550,000,000 for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program to assist states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency.

Through this formulaic grant, the City of Winston Salem is expected to receive approximately \$274,000 in funding. While this funding has been designated via a formula, the city will still need to submit an application that states how the funding would be used in order to receive funds. This application is anticipated to open in the first quarter of 2023, and no funding match is required.

Eligible uses for this funding that are of interest to staff include developing and implementing an energy efficiency and conservation strategy, retaining technical consultant services to assist in the development of such a strategy, and financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation (and associated infrastructure) capital investments, projects, and programs.