
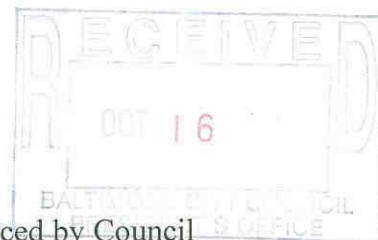


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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 13-0122R		

TO DATE: October 15, 2013

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall



I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 13-0122R introduced by Council Members Middleton, Stokes, Kraft, Henry, Holton, President Young and Council Members Cole, Scott, Reisinger, Clarke, Branch, Curran, Welch, Spector and Mosby.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request representatives from the agencies leading up the City's expanded energy assistance efforts through the CREATES program appear before the Council to discuss CREATES and the new opportunities it will provide in Baltimore.

The Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) created the Customer Investment Fund as one of the conditions of approval for the merger of Exelon Corporation and Constellation Energy Group, Inc. The purpose of the Fund is to support programs serving customers and communities in the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) service territory. In November of 2012 the PSC announced the awarding of 16 proposals from five awardees' submissions, the first awards under the Customer Investment Fund. Several of these awards will directly benefit Baltimore City citizens. The Fuel Fund was awarded \$14,871,204 which will allow for an expansion in the number of BGE customers who receive bill assistance and the creation of an endowment program. CHAI was awarded \$2 million toward its Energy Improvement Loan Fund for energy upgrades and renovations in Baltimore City and northwest Baltimore County. Most importantly, Baltimore City received a direct grant of \$52,876,304 for eight of the proposals offered in its Coordinating Resources to Effectively Align and Transform Energy Services (CREATES) proposal package.

In submitting its CREATES package, the City proposed individual components that complemented each of the other components for maximum effectiveness of the programs while minimizing administrative costs. The Department of General Services is one of the partnering agencies and received funding for two CREATES programs:

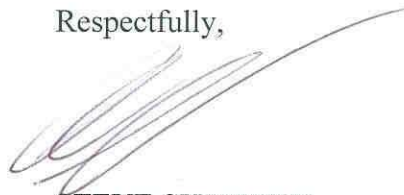
- Cogeneration (\$5,196,555) – will fund the incremental costs of constructing cogeneration plants at the City's three water filtration plants to buy down capital and/or compensate for negative cash flow during early years due to the impact of low energy prices. The cogeneration plants will be used to reduce the electric grid consumption and provide uninterrupted service during power outages.
- Retrofits and Upgrades (\$10,393,110) – creation of a zero and low interest loan program for nonprofit organizations in the City for energy efficient upgrades and retrofits. Nonprofits are the primary focus, but community centers and small businesses in low income communities are also eligible.

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Representatives of the Department will be present at the informational hearing held by the Urban Affairs and Aging Committee to provide additional information on the CREATES programs.

Respectfully,

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STEVE SHARKEY
DIRECTOR

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