

## CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES MUNICIPAL PLEDGE

The Clean Energy Communities program is an initiative funded by both the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA-formerly known as the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund) and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund. CEFIA and the Energy Efficiency Fund develop programs which collectively seek to have Connecticut cities and towns both reduce energy use and increase support for clean, renewable energy for municipal facilities. The Energy Efficiency Fund programs are administered by The Connecticut Light and Power Company, The United Illuminating Company, Yankee Gas Services Company, The Southern Connecticut Gas Company, and/or Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (collectively, "the Companies")

By applying currently available energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy technologies the Town of Easton can save money, create a healthier environment and strengthen local economies; and **accordingly, the Town of Easton makes the following Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge:**

1. The Town of Easton pledges to reduce its municipal building energy consumption by 20% by 2018. Building energy consumption shall be determined by benchmarking municipal building energy consumption to a baseline fiscal year. The Town of Easton can elect from the following fiscal years to determine its energy baseline year: 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, or 2011-2012.
  - a. The Town of Easton will seek to reduce its municipal building energy consumption for municipal facilities by at least 20% by 2018. The schedule follows:
    - i. Fiscal Year 2012-2013: 5% Reduction
    - ii. Fiscal Year 2013-2014: 8% Reduction
    - iii. Fiscal Year 2014-2015: 11% Reduction
    - iv. Fiscal Year 2015-2016: 14% Reduction
    - v. Fiscal Year 2016-2017: 17% Reduction
    - vi. Fiscal Year 2017-2018: 20% Reduction
  - b. The Town of Easton will work with the Companies, contractors or other entities to benchmark all of its municipal buildings (including board of education buildings) to determine all municipal building energy usage.
  - c. Beginning July 1, 2015, the Town of Easton agrees to provide documentation of its municipal building energy consumption on an annual basis by the end of the first quarter of the following fiscal year.
  - d. The Town of Easton pledges to create its own Municipal Action Plan (MAP) to determine its path in reducing its energy consumption. The Town of Easton may satisfy this requirement by submitting a pre-existing municipal energy plan, sustainability plan, climate change action plan or similar document.
  - e. There is no penalty if the Town of Easton fails to meet the reduction amounts set forth in the schedule above. However if these reduction targets are not met starting July 1, 2015, the Town of Easton will not be eligible to receive Bright Ideas Grants from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund and Companies under the Clean Energy Communities program.
2. The Town of Easton pledges to purchase 20% of its municipal building electricity from clean, renewable energy sources by 2018.
  - a. The Town of Easton will seek to make a voluntary purchase of at least 20% of the electricity for municipal facilities from clean, renewable energy sources by annual CEC program requirements. The schedule follows:
    - i. Fiscal Year 2012-2013: 15% Purchase
    - ii. Fiscal Year 2013-2014: 16% Purchase
    - iii. Fiscal Year 2014-2015: 17% Purchase
    - iv. Fiscal Year 2015-2016: 18% Purchase

- v. Fiscal Year 2016-2017: 19% Purchase
- vi. Fiscal Year 2017-2018: 20% Purchase

b. The Town of Easton agrees to provide CEFIA documentation of its municipal clean energy purchases on an annual basis by the end of the first quarter of the following fiscal year. CEFIA intends to request documentation of municipal clean energy purchases for FY2011-2012 in July 2012.

c. The Town of Easton acknowledges that clean, renewable sources are those defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes as Connecticut Class I renewable energy sources or meeting Green-e® Energy certification standards.

d. The Town of Easton may satisfy the voluntary purchase requirement by purchasing Green-e® Energy certified Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), enrolling one or more municipal facilities in the CTCleanEnergyOptions<sup>sm</sup> program, installing renewable energy systems (provided that the RECs associated with such system(s) are quantifiable and not held by a third-party) or any combination thereof.

e. There is no penalty if the Town of Easton fails to meet the items set forth in the schedule above; however, the Town of Easton will not be eligible to receive incentive rewards from CEFIA under the Clean Energy Communities program.

3. The Town of Easton agrees to promote energy efficiency and clean, renewable technologies in its community. The Town of Easton is encouraged to establish a Clean Energy Task Force, or comparable body. This entity will assist the municipality in meeting the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge and to perform education and outreach among residents, businesses and institutions within the community concerning energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy programs.

By taking the pledge and meeting the Clean Energy Community Program requirements outlined by CEFIA and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, the Town of Easton may qualify, subject to the terms of separate formal contracts, for the following grants:

- a. CEFIA. For every 100 points, the Town of Easton may earn a 1 kilowatt (or equivalent) clean energy system.
- b. Energy Efficiency Fund. For every 100 points, the Town of Easton may earn a Bright Idea Grant that can be used for energy-saving projects. The Town of Easton is eligible for two Bright Idea Grants per fiscal year.



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\* The Town of Easton understands that the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge is not a contract, and that CEFIA, the Energy Efficiency Fund, and the Companies have not contracted, committed, agreed or promised, to perform or incur any obligations, in any manner, hereunder.