

AGENDA
NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, November 27th, 2024, 5:15 PM

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 at 5:15 PM on Zoom (see link at end of agenda) to discuss the following items:

1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting (10/23). A majority of the CETF (6 of 11 members) constitutes a quorum.
2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff:
 - a. Community Change Grant
 - i. EPA has confirmed that we meet the eligibility criteria and is currently evaluating our application.
 - b. I Heart My Home
 - i. Statistics for the month of October
 1. 16 HES-IE participants enrolled, total 18 participants enrolled in the month of October
 - ii. Statistics since July of 2023
 1. Total Enrollments 427 participants enrolled
 2. Total people who received consultations 351
 3. Total people who had assessments 54
 - c. EPA Government-to-Government Environmental Justice Grant: We held a joint training session on the goals and implementation of the grant with Junta, NHS, and Community Action Agency of New Haven. Our data quality assurance plan has been approved by EPA.
 - d. USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant: We have installed 3 Bigbelly units (Fair Haven, Wooster Square, and Downtown). Recycling Educator Rose Ricci will host an

informational session on composting with the Bigbelly units on Tuesday November 26th.

- e. EPA [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#) – Implementation Grants: The grant has been awarded. We participated in a kickoff meeting with the EPA and are working on developing a data quality assurance plan, drafting an RFP for the project, and seeking advice regarding clean energy tax incentives.
- f. Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA): We have submitted documentation to claim the partial reimbursement for the purchase of the electric refuse vehicle to CT DEEP.
- g. Shellfish shell recycling program: No update.
- h. Solar installations: The City has been chosen for subsidies for 4 additional solar parking canopies.
- i. Styrofoam enforcement: Rose Ricci has begun following up with non-compliant businesses and most of them have ceased providing Styrofoam products.
- j. Housing Authority: No update.
- k. Electric leaf blower and grass trimmer: no update.
- l. Purchase of bicycles for school-based bicycle education program: NHPS has approved the hiring of a new bicycle educator. We expect the posting to be posted this week.

3. Discussion Items:

- a. Additional support for structuring the geothermal project. Since costs for the bike education were less than expected, funds are available to address other priorities. The geothermal project is our largest and most complex opportunity. OCS is seeking up to \$8,000 in funding for consulting to provide advice on structuring the project, claiming clean energy tax incentives, and developing the data quality assurance plan.
- b. Purchase of 2 induction stoves to host demonstrations of induction stoves to supplement our Government to Government Grant work. One stove would be hosted at project partner Junta, the other at Community Action Agency. Two stoves at \$326.99

each would cost up to \$700. OCS is seeking up to \$700 in funding to purchase 2 induction stoves.

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