

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 24-567

Pertaining to a grant application to the Metropolitan Council Clean Water Fund to continue a water demand reduction program.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: Energy and Water Resource Sustainability

The Metropolitan Council has been appropriated funds from the State of Minnesota Clean Water Fund to encourage implementation of water demand reduction measures. The Met Council intends to use a portion of those funds for a Water Efficiency Grant Program.

Board and Met Council staff discussed the opportunity for the Board to apply for a grant of approximately \$50,000 from that fund. This money can be used to offer rebates or grants to Board customers who replace specified water using devices with approved devices that use substantially less water.

Eligible water efficiency devices include the following:

- Toilets
- Clothes washing machines
- Dishwashers
- Irrigation spray sprinkler bodies and automatic controllers

Grant payments from the Metropolitan Council to the Board are to be 80% of the approved program amounts. The Board must provide the remaining 20% of the granted/rebated amount to the property owner. The Board would be responsible for the design and operation of its program and its details.

This resolution will authorize staff to apply for the grant funds. If the application is approved, staff will present a Grant Agreement to the Board at a later date for its consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval