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Subject: "[EXTERNAL]"MERP Implementation Grant possibility
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Hi Jen,

Before you joined us, the Town (with the Energy Committee's assistance) applied for, and received, a \$4k mini-grant to support the committee's work. That was the first of three stages of the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

The second stage was the free energy audits of the town office building and the town garage.

The third stage is applications for up to \$500k per municipality to implement measures that were identified in the audits. A few weeks back, BGS announced that only "High" and "Highest" energy burden municipalities would be eligible to apply for the implementation grants. East Montpelier has a "Low" energy burden, so we figured we were just out of luck. But this morning BGS put out a press release that they changed their minds, and all municipalities can apply...and that applications are due September 27 (!!).

If you'd like to read more about the opportunity, here are links to the [guidance document](#) and an [application walkthrough](#). The application itself doesn't seem all that complicated, so we might want to give it a shot.

Question 1: Are you game? If so, we could put all the application materials together.

Question 2: I note that the next SB meeting is the 23rd, so we/you would need to get their approval at that meeting. The Energy Committee's next meeting is the 24th. Do you think the SB needs a formal request from the EC? If so, I would need to call a Special Meeting of the EC. Or do you think the SB would be satisfied with you, me, and perhaps one other EC member making the request?

I'm sorry I keep coming to you with short-timeline grant opportunities!

Best,
Ben