

GRANTS

Energy Efficient Street Lighting Grant

Paxton, MA. -- December 14, 2016 -- Paxton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) has received a \$35,960 grant under the state Department of Energy Resources' (DOER) LED Street Lighting Accelerator Program to help pay for the cost of 270 new energy efficient LED street light fixtures, long-life photo-electric controllers, and wireless controllers for the fixtures. The Baker-Polito Administration has announced a total of \$11.4 million in grant funds are being awarded to municipal light plants in more than 30 communities. PMLD is receiving the grant along with more than a dozen municipal utility members of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), which will work with the DOER to administer the grant. PMLD is extremely grateful for the hard work and co-operation between MMWEC staff, The Baker-Polito Administration, and The DOER!

Microgrid Feasibility Study Grant

On September 15, 2016, PMLD was awarded \$5,000 through the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resource's Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grants program. The grant will help conduct feasibility studies on whether a microgrid and/or a resilient energy storage system is a viable clean energy option in our community. Preliminary discussions have focused on establishing a microgrid surrounding the Paxton Public Safety Complex and PMLD offices located on Pleasant Street.

Workplace Safety and Education Grant - \$10,432.50

On March 21, 2016 PMLD was awarded a Workplace Safety and Education Grant in the amount of \$10,432.50. This grant provides financial assistance for the prevention of occupational injury, illness, and death in the workplace. As part of Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), the Department of Industrial Accident reviews and awards safety grants to promote safe and healthy conditions in the workplace through training, education, and other resources.