



CITY OF NEWTON

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RE: Energy Transition Community Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Newton was recently invited to apply for grant funds totaling \$55,920.80 through DCEO's Energy Transition Community Program. Previously, the city has used award monies from this program to pay for upgrades at the local Boys and Girls Park baseball fields and to add pickleball courts in Newton's Peterson Park. The city is considering using this year's funds to complete the pickleball courts and repaint the public pool. The goal of these projects is to increase tourism and enhance the recreational offerings in the area to attract new businesses.

While this is the primary project consideration, the City of Newton is seeking input from residents and local stakeholders to determine if this is the best use of the funds. A public meeting will be held on December 2nd, 2025 at 5:45 P.M. at Newton City Hall (108 N. Van Buren St.) to invite public discussion. If you are unable to attend but would still like to provide input, please email cityclerk@cityofnewtonil.com or submit a letter to Newton City Hall on or before December 12th, 2025. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in our endeavors to enrich the community.

Sincerely,

Joshua Kuhl
Mayor, City of Newton