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Ms. Justin Madden Trustee Chairman Russell Township

8501 Kinsman Road P.O. Box 522 Novelty, OH 44072

Dear Mr. Madden:

Congratulations! Russell Township is receiving a NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) grant of \$18,682.00 for 2020. NOPEC* and NextEra value your community's membership and are awarding this grant to help your community achieve even greater savings. The NEC grants are offered to help you implement energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects that will benefit your community for years to come.

The NEC grant program features multiple options and greater flexibility for your community to get the greatest benefit from your grant, while reducing the paperwork required. Funds can be used for community-owned facilities, for residents, for businesses, or escrowed for a future year's project. We're including examples of eligible activities, but this list is not all-inclusive.

We're excited to be able to offer the grant program again this year and we've designed it to make the whole process as streamlined as possible. All NEC grant program information and materials will be available online. There's no need for you to mail any documents with this grant program! Later this month, you'll receive an e-mail with detailed instructions on how to access this information and get started on completing the 2020 grant process.

Please note there is a new profile submission deadline of June 30, 2020. Completing this step by the deadline will let us know you want to take advantage of the grant program this year.

Our staff is available to help at any point during the process. NOPEC's Loan and Grant Associate, Jessica Chiano, is managing the NEC grant program. Feel free to contact her by email at grants@nopec.org or by phone at 440-249-7072 if you have questions. Your Relationship Manager, RM NAME, is also available to help you with your questions. We look forward to receiving your application!!

Sincerely,

Chuck Keiper **Executive Director**

cc: Karen Walder, Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Heinrich, Relationship Manager

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