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**From:** John Murray  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2012 10:44 AM  
**To:** Steve Ledoux  
**Subject:** Consideration of update to "Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy"

Steve,

Please have the BoS consider amending the Town's Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy.

Thanks

John

Dear BoS Members

In the spring of 2010, the BoS adopted a "Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy" as part of the process of Acton becoming designated as a Green Community through the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). This designation resulted in \$150,794 in grant funding being received by the Town of Acton

The original policy as adopted by ABRSC specified MPG guidelines for classes of vehicles. Those MPG guidelines have recently been revised by DOER, which is appropriate as vehicles on the market are shifting towards greater efficiency.

The shortest path toward compliance with these new DOER requirements (and thus access to potential competitive grant funding for this year) is for the BoS to adopt a revised "Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy" that does not reference specific MPG values, but instead references "the most recent guidance for Criteria 4 published by the MA Department of Energy Resources'

Green Communities Division." Adoption of this alternate wording means that the policy can remain standing with no further action needed as DOER revises its MPG guidelines in the future.

I have attached a related guidance document from DOER (and the document may also be found at the following link: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/doer/green-communities/grant-program/gc-criterion4-guidance.pdf>).

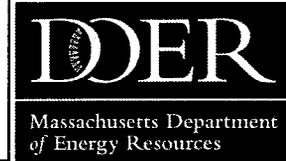
Appendix A contains a model policy for the BoS's consideration. Appendix B contains a "Sample School Adoption Letter" for notifying DOER of adoption of the policy by a municipality.

I am requesting the BoS adopts the policy language in Appendix A and authorizes the issuance of an adoption letter as described in Appendix B.

John



**GREEN COMMUNITIES  
COMPETITIVE GRANT  
PROGRAM  
WINTER 2012**



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# GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

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## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant must be an existing designated Green Community as of January 30, 2012.
- Applicant must have expended all existing Green Communities grant funding, submitted a complete final grant report and satisfied all outstanding questions no later than 5pm March 23rd, 2012.
- If designated in May 2010, applicant must have completed an Annual Report and satisfied all outstanding questions no later than 5 pm March 16th, 2012.
- Applicant must have adopted the latest guidance for the Fuel Efficient Vehicles Policy, Criteria 4.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- \$2 Million in total funding is available for the Winter 2012 Competitive Grant round.
- A competitive grant round will be offered on an annual basis as funding is available. Amount of available funding for future competitive grant rounds, if available, may vary. It is anticipated that any future competitive grant rounds will be offered in the Fall season.
- The maximum amount of grant award per applicant for the Winter 2012 Competitive Grant program is \$250,000, although individual awards may be less. This amount may vary in future competitive grant rounds.
- An applicant may submit one comprehensive project for consideration or multiple projects as part of one application.
- Award of the total \$2 Million will be dependent upon the applications received and the number deemed eligible for award.
- The list of Qualified Projects is subject to change in future competitive grant rounds.
- As this is a competitive solicitation, proposed projects cannot be significantly changed once awards are made. If an awarded project is not able to proceed, the award will be forfeited.