



Press Release:

City of Trimont Receives Grant for Local Energy Project

Community-focused clean energy effort will take shape throughout 2016

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Trimont, MN, Thursday, January 7, 2016 – It is an energizing New Year for City of Trimont in Trimont who received a \$3,442 Seed Grant from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) today. The organization will use the grant for their Community Building Heating and Cooling, LED Street Lights project.

“We’re very excited to learn about the grant award,” said Mike Paulson and Melissa Flohrs. “We can’t wait to get started on our Community Building Heating and Cooling, LED Street Lights project.”



The Trimont Community Building is approximately 25 years old and the heating and cooling system is original to the building. The building is home to the city hall office, council meeting room, police office and a public works shop. The meeting room is frequently used by community groups and others for meetings and gatherings. The city will purchase and install a new system that will save a substantial amount of energy and city funds. In addition, the City of Trimont has 21 gooseneck street lights on Main Street and plans to purchase and install LED heads for existing poles to provide a safe, efficient, and cost effective source of lighting for our residents and for visitors to Trimont.

The award is one of 39 grants given to innovative renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in communities across Minnesota. These awards mark the eighth round of Seed Grants from the group, totalling over \$1 million to 269 projects since 2006. A complete list of funded projects can be accessed at <http://mncerts.org/2016grants>.

“CERTs provides these Seed Grants with two primary objectives in mind,” said Lissa Pawlisch, CERTs Director. “First, to encourage implementation of community-based clean energy projects across the state. Second, to provide an educational forum for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and their economic, community, and ecological benefits.”

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