

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRUST

Final Clean Energy Choice® Matching Funds To Be Disbursed in January 2010

City of Newburyport. Grant of \$22,429.29

The Trust is providing the City of Newburyport with a Clean Energy Choice grant of \$22,429.29 for seven renewable energy projects/services throughout the City. From October 2004 through June 2009, Clean Energy Choice provided matching grants in proportion to voluntary contributions for renewable energy made by Newburyport residents. Newburyport will receive:

- \$600 for a membership in ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability. ICLEI is an international association of local governments and national, regional and local government organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development. Membership in ICLEI will allow Newburyport to access ICLEI resources, network with other sustainable local governments, utilize ICLEI technical assistance and attend training and leadership events in an effort to make their town practices more sustainable.
- \$1,400 to sign up for National Grid's Online Profiler. This will allow the City to monitor and manage their electricity consumption. The data obtained will be used to help the City determine the savings that can be achieved by using renewable energy sources.
- \$3,000 for a solar powered parking meter to be installed in the parking lot at Riverside Park. This will provide energy savings to the City and will help introduce the community to the benefits of clean, renewable solar electricity.
- \$5,000 to purchase one Big Belly Solar Trash Compaction System. This unit is powered by solar photovoltaic technology and will help Newburyport reduce trash collections, reduce litter and generally improve the Town's waste management operations.
- \$4,450 for a solar-powered school sign that will help introduce the community to the benefits of renewable energy.
- \$4,079.82 for education and outreach related to Newburyport's Eco-Collaborative Residential Carbon Challenge. The Eco-Collaborative promotes sustainable practices and is helping Newburyport take steps towards becoming a Green Community.
- \$2,400 to hire a consultant to conduct a General Resource Assessment to help determine the feasibility of a biomass project at the City's material handling facility.
- \$1,500 for a grant writer to help the City apply to the DOER High Performance Energy grant program. If a grant is obtained, the funds will be used for energy efficiency measures and renewable energy installations at the Bresnahan School.