

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Appropriate Revenue from Participation in Energy Load Reduction Program in the Amount of \$12,375.53 (1 of 2 readings)
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Issue

In March 2025, the City of Charlottesville enrolled in the Emergency Load Response Program (ELRP) with PJM Interconnection, LLC (electric grid operator) as part of their demand response offerings. Through this program, the City of Charlottesville can earn revenue by temporarily reducing energy usage at participating sites/facilities to reduce the energy load on the PJM electric grid.

Background / Rule

An Energy and Water Management Program (EWMP) was created in June 2020 for the appropriation of revenue generated from energy management and water management projects/programs. The City participates in other PJM energy management programs including the Energy Efficiency Program where past revenue earned has been appropriated to the EWMP Fund. The Emergency Load Response Program offers another source of revenue from energy management practices that is to be paid out on an annual (sometimes quarterly) basis.

- From October 2019 – November 2025, the City earned \$3,770 from the PJM Energy Efficiency Program, which was appropriated to the Energy and Water Management Fund.
- In August 2026, the City received payment in the amount of \$12,375.53 in the PJM Emergency Load Response Program for reducing energy usage at participating sites during the May 2025 – April 2026 year.

It is recommended that revenue generated from the PJM Emergency Load Response Program and all other PJM energy management programs be appropriated to the EWMP Fund.

Analysis

Participation in PJM energy management programs supports the goals of Climate Action, which is a strategic outcome area of the City's Strategic Plan and the Climate Action Plan is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Climate Action includes efforts related to climate adaptation and resilience planning. PJM programs provide a mechanism for the City to support the stability of the electricity grid, improving electricity resilience throughout the Charlottesville area. In addition, reduced energy usage at City facilities will achieve greenhouse gas reductions bringing the City closer to meeting its Climate Action goals.

Financial Impact

These funds, received through the City's participation in the PJM energy management programs, will support energy and water efficiency measures.

Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council adoption of the attached Resolution.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move to adopt the attached Resolution appropriating PJM Energy Management Programs Revenue to the Energy and Water Management Program Fund."

Attachments

1. RESOLUTION ELRP Revenue Appropriation