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## Madison Village awarded for efforts toward efficiency

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Madison Village is being recognized for its success in energy efficiency after receiving grant funding to make improvements earlier this year.

The village was awarded \$50,000 to make public facilities more efficient as part of a \$16 million Powering Our Communities grant program that provided funding to 132 communities in Northeast Ohio.

The grants were a result of a partnership between FirstEnergy Solutions and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

The village received the Energy Master Award from NOPEC because its projects demonstrated a strong sense of need, leadership and return on investment.

"These energy efficiency projects will not only help Madison Village reduce energy costs, but also enhance the village's quality of life," said Lake County Commissioner Daniel Troy, who represents Lake County on NOPEC's Board of Directors.

"Simple and practical investments provide real value to the residents of this community and will result in real energy savings for many years."

Madison Village was one of 14 communities to receive the award, NOPEC Executive Director Leigh Herington said.

"We believed that by submitting five different proposals, they were demonstrating excellent leadership in how to best use this money," Herington said.

The village upgraded the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in the Village Hall and road garage, and completed window upgrades to the residential dwellings of Stratton Place.

The Village Hall also received more efficient windows.

Some of the communities are still working on their projects, but now that the grant program is completed, NOPEC is looking for other ways to make Northeast Ohio more energy efficient, Herington said.

"We're trying to figure out now how we might help the communities, we're spending most of our money on giving them a break," he said.

"(Maybe) we can put consumer education programs together, (or) we can find partners that will put up money to help people save on these various devices that will save them electricity."

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