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Eight communities in Portage receive energy conservation funding

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The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council has awarded energy conservation grants totaling \$535,371 to eight Portage County communities. The grants will be used to make energy efficient improvements to public facilities and systems.

The awards made to these Portage County communities are part of nearly \$16 million in Powering Our Community grants that NOPEC is distributing to the 129 communities throughout nine northeast Ohio counties that it serves. The grant money came from FirstEnergy Solutions as part of an agreement the utility struck with NOPEC last year.

The following communities are among those in Portage County to receive NOPEC conservation grants:

- Brimfield -- \$49,765 for projects including new energy-efficient windows for the fire station, town hall and police department and electricity-generating solar panels for the roof of the police station.
- Deerfield -- \$47,499 for projects including insulation in various township buildings.
- Hiram Township -- \$40,155 for improvements including insulation, a new heating system and new insulated garage doors in the township garage.
- Hiram -- \$49,927 for projects such as new windows, doors, insulation and an energy efficient furnace at the Village Hall.
- Kent -- \$244,600 that will help improve energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption at 10 city-owned buildings. The grants will also be used to buy a solar hot water undercarriage wash rack that will minimize undercarriage corrosion on city vehicles.
- Rootstown -- \$3,424 for improvements including energy efficient lighting in the maintenance garage.
- Shalersville -- \$50,000 for improvements including new windows, doors and boiler system.
- Suffield -- \$50,000 for energy-efficient improvements to the town hall including new windows, new furnace and insulation.