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Energy Grants to County Exceed \$3 Million *Funds Support Residents, Electric Fire Truck, and More*



FREDERICK, Md. – Maryland Energy Administration Director Paul Pinsky joined Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater this afternoon to announce a total of \$3.4 million in grants from the State agency to the County. Funds will be used for a range of projects, including the purchase of one of the first electric fire trucks on the East Coast. Other initiatives include installing energy-efficient lights, saving residents money on their home electric bills, and building a resilience center at the County-owned Prospect Center.

“My administration is proud to not only help our residents find avenues toward a more sustainable home and lifestyle, but also set an example by engaging in long-term clean energy projects at the County level,” County Executive Fitzwater said. “The Moore-Miller Administration and MEA are fantastic partners. I appreciate Director Pinsky’s steadfast support of Frederick County’s energy conservation efforts.”

The purchase of an electric fire engine is supported by a \$262,432 Medium Duty & Heavy Duty ZEV MEA grant. Electric fire trucks reduce emissions, fuel use, and noise pollution. They can be fully recharged in 90 minutes. “This initiative affirms our commitment to environmental sustainability and, more crucially, the health and safety of our first responders,” said Frederick County Fire Chief Tom Coe, Director of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services.

MEA also awarded two grants totaling over \$1.8 million to Frederick County for the Power Saver Retrofits Program, which helps residents make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes. Other MEA grants funded the installation of LED lights at the Thurmont Regional Library and in Pinecliff, Fountain Rock, Libertytown, and Middletown Parks and electric vehicles and chargers (\$234,835 combined); and \$1 million to support the construction of a resiliency hub at the Prospect Center.

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