

Question 1: The Energy Stabilization was created as a sub-fund category of the Capital Stabilization fund back in May 2013. I have attached this Council Order #165-13 (Susan Albright was looking for it back in April when Angino Farm was an item). In my earlier research on the creation of this, I learned that Councilor Crossley was one of the leads in getting this created back then. As mentioned in the Council Order, this sub-fund would be funded through energy rebates, which are typically received by the Public Buildings dept.

As far as the balance goes, it currently has a fund balance (prior year revenues minus expenses) of \$344,066.03 and \$12,662.76 in revenues so far in FY23 totaling \$356,728.79 before these two items come up for discussion tonight. Enel X North America is the main vendor that we get energy rebates from. Public Buildings may be able to talk more about their relationships with these vendors and exactly what the rebates are for.

All Energy Stabilization uses must come through Council for appropriation. For recent transactions out of the account, In FY22 we had Angino Farm Solar for \$20,000 (#252-22) and LED lighting at NECP and NSHS Cutler Wing (#386-21) for \$29,807, which is the City's portion to go with the Green Communities Grant. In FY21, there were various Energy Efficiency projects under #381-20 for \$23,195 that included NSHS LED lighting, 60 Eliot St, and Auburndale Library. In FY20, there was an appropriation (#346-19) to supplement the Green Communities grant again totaling \$24,406 for energy improvements to lighting at NSHS tennis court and field house.

Question 2: As for your second question, both the Pierce and Main Library HVAC projects will be designed by a mechanical engineer. It could be one firm doing both, or two different firms. We have yet to select a firm for either project. The Designer Selection Committee interviews and ranks on-call engineering and architectural firms for projects like this in accordance with the state designer selection law and the City of Newton ordinances. We therefore have several engineering firms already under contract that may be used for these projects. Once the designs are complete, each project will be advertised for bid. The bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, which may or may not be the same contractor for both projects.