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**Federal Funds Accepted for Deep Energy Retrofit at
North Kingstown Municipal Office Building**

North Kingstown, RI — At this week's Town Council meeting, the Town Council unanimously voted to authorize the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of North Kingstown and the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) for the award of an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant in the amount of \$235,634.70, for a deep energy retrofit at the Municipal Office Building at 100 Fairway Drive.

This Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant allows OER to provide \$135,634.70 in federal funds alongside \$100,000.000 in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction proceeds to support the energy efficiency upgrade within the scope of the interior and exterior renovations and updates to the Municipal Office Building that are slated to start later in 2024.

The work planned for the building, which is the workplace for over 35 municipal employees and was home to the North Kingstown School Department in decades past, includes the installation of an efficient HVAC system and building controls and significant insulation and weatherization measures. The deep energy retrofit will supplement renovation plans that further include accessibility improvements, façade maintenance and updates, security enhancements and minor layout changes to improve building operability and functionality for both employees and the thousands of residents that visit it each year.

While OER is providing U.S. Department of Energy and RGGI funds for the energy efficiency upgrades, the Town of North Kingstown allocated up to \$2.5 million in ARPA and fund balance funds in 2023, for the balance of the planned building renovations that will have no impact or increase on tax rates for residents. “This project is a great investment in our Town’s existing resources, ensuring critical municipal administration and services can continue well into the future,” says A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager, “we look forward to the work getting underway as initial preparations are nearing the end stages.”

Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant, at kglass@northkingstownri.gov with any questions.

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