

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ *Waiver of First Requested*
 X Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

DATE: June 25, 2010 (B of T) Date: August 19, 2010

TITLE: Lawn Mower Grant Program

SUBMITTED BY: David Gorman, Asst. Director of Public Works *DG*

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Department of Public Works transmits for your consideration a recommendation for approval from the Environmental Concerns Committee regarding a proposed policy memorandum to establish a Lawn Mower Grant Program.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The \$1,200 cost of this program for the remainder of FY11 will come from a matching reduction in the Rain Barrel Grant Program, which is funded by the Village's service fee that is collected the Solid Waste Contract (account no. 2790.777500). The annual cost for subsequent fiscal years will be \$2,000, again with a matching reduction in the Rain Barrel Grant Program.

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ Date _____

Finance Director X _____ Date _____

Village Manager X _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

THROUGH: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *Cy*

FROM: David P. Gorman, Asst. Director of Public Works *DPG*

SUBJECT: **Lawn Mower Grant Program**

DATE: June 25, 2010

Attached is a draft policy memorandum for a Lawn Mower Grant Program for consideration by the Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Environmental Concerns Committee.

Background:

Following the success of the Rain Barrel Grant Program and the Compost Bin Grant Program, the Environmental Concerns Committee has crafted a similar program for lawn mowers. The aim of the proposed Lawn Mower Grant Program is to promote the use of emission-free and noiseless lawn mowers on residential properties. The attached draft policy would reimburse each homeowner up to \$40 to purchase a push-reel or electric mower. The prices for electric mowers typically range from \$200 to \$400 and the prices for push reel mowers typically range from \$80 to \$140.

Unrelated to the proposed grant program, Staff has secured an offer from the Neuton Company to provide Lombard residents savings of \$70 on their battery-powered mowers and \$26 on their reel mower. While their coupon would not be part of the program, Staff intends to make it available for consideration on the Village's website. Even so, residents will be clearly informed on the grant form that they may purchase from any source to obtain any mower, price and vendor that appeals to them.

As with the other recycling grant programs, this program would be funded from the Village's service fee that is collected per the Solid Waste Contract (10¢/month for each multi-family residential customer and \$3.00 for each Commercial customer). This fee wholly funds the Education Recycling Grants, Commercial Recycling Grants and Rain Barrel Grants. The approved budget for all Recycling Grants in FY11 is \$29,000.

This proposal will not increase the approved budget for grants. Accompanying this proposal is an associated proposal to amend the Rain Barrel Grant Program to refund \$40 for one barrel only, whereas currently two barrels may be refunded at \$80 each. In addition, Staff proposes to reallocate \$1,200 of the FY11 budget for Rain Barrels to this new Lawn Mower Grant Program. The annual cost for the Lawn Mower Grant Program in subsequent fiscal years will be \$2,000, again with a matching reduction in the Rain Barrel Grant Program.

Lombard is currently a bronze-level community in the Clean Air Counts Program. The establishment of this grant program will serve as a good example to other participating communities and will also reduce CO₂e emission reductions, as the Village has committed to in the US Mayors Climate Action Agreement.

Recommendation:

The Environmental Concerns Committee and Staff recommend that the Village Board approve the attached draft policy memorandum to establish a Lawn Mower Grant Program at a FY11 funding level of \$1,200. The Program would take effect on September 1, 2010.

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
VILLAGE BOARD POLICY MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Lawn Mower Grant Program**

Number: -
Date: August 19, 2010

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Lawn Mower Grant Program is to promote the use of emission-free and noiseless lawn mowers on single family residential properties.

II. Procedures/Guidelines

- A. All owners of single family residences in the Village of Lombard are eligible for 100% reimbursement for emission-free and noiseless lawn mower at a cost not to exceed \$40.
- B. Grant applications shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works along with a copy of the store receipt and a photo/image of the installed bin. Public Works shall evaluate the grant application and shall verify correct installation of the bin prior to approving the grant.
- C. Upon approval, the Village will reimburse the applicant per the Village's standard check mailing procedure.
- D. Reimbursement is on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the annual budget approved by the Village Board of Trustees.
- E. The lawn mower shall be owned and maintained by the property owner, not the Village of Lombard.
- F. The effective date of this policy is September 1, 2010.

III. Legislation/Documentation

Minutes of June 22, 2010 Environmental Concerns Committee meeting.
Minutes of the August 19, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting.

APPLICATION FORM

Part 1 -- GRANT REQUEST

Name: _____ Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Address: _____ Lombard, IL 60148

I certify, under penalty of law for misrepresentation, that the attached receipt and photo/image is for the lawn mower purchased for use at my property. (The Village may require an inspection prior to grant approval.)

Signature of Applicant _____/_____/_____
Date

Direct questions and return applications to the Public Works Department either by mail at 255 E. Wilson Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148, by fax at 630-620-5982 or by email at publicworks@villageoflombard.org.

Part 2 -- GRANT APPROVAL

Approved for reimbursement in the amount of \$ _____ for one lawn mower installed in accordance with Board of Trustees Policy Memorandum ____-____.

Signature of Public Works Official _____/_____/_____
Date