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## **Village of Lombard Receives Grant Funding for Energy-Efficient Lighting**

The Village of Lombard recently completed a lighting efficiency upgrade at the Police station and three Public Works buildings.

The majority of the funding for the project was received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, as well as Illinois Clean Energy.

The grant application was written by the Community Development's Building Official Keith Steiskal. The total project cost was \$33,735, and the two grants cover \$31,340 of those costs. A grant has also been applied for to cover the small remainder.

The project was completed by All Tech Energy Inc. The new lights will use less than half of the energy of the old lights. Also, the cost to the Village to change to the new lights is less than the cost of all the bulb replacements in a typical year for the four buildings.

This is the second pair of similar grants for this type of project received by the Village for energy efficiency upgrades. "We are trying to look at what energy efficiency upgrades make sense for the Village buildings and match those projects with available grants," Steiskal said.

These upgrades are another effort to reflect the sustainability framework program for the Village, previously adopted by the Village Board. With the new lighting reducing the amount of electricity by 50% and money saved by receiving grants to pay for the project, it is a win-win project for the Village.