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RE: Compass Energy Community Benefit Grant

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Thanks Elliot. I have a call into Tim Jemal as this agency reached out to him back in December and I think he could help illuminate how we might approach. More soon.



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Subject: FW: Compass Energy Community Benefit Grant

Attached is the agreement we would sign if we accept the Compass grant. I had Israel toss their proposed "Community Benefit Agreement" as the title and contents seemed to suggest that by signing we acknowledged a benefit to the community. In this one we've stripped out any mention of benefits other than to our college and students. And instead of contract language, it's grant language, modeled after the Samuelli grant. Our only obligations and recitals are to spend the money on time in the way they've directed us.

I've asked Israel to prepare this document both as a "counter" to Compass's proposed Community Benefit Agreement and so that you have it and can share it as a proposed grant with the Trustees if you choose, but we are not yet sending it to Compass. He's gonna buy us some time with them while you decide how to navigate this with the Trustees. Let me know if I can help.

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Subject: RE: Compass Energy Community Benefit Grant

Hello Elliot,

Attached is the first, pass of a grant agreement with Compass Energy. I developed the content from Compass Energy contract to blend their focus into ours.

Israel S. Dominguez, MBA

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Good plan. That doc might be something Julie can share with the Trustee to make the issue more concrete. I'll decide when I get it from you. e

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Sounds great, I will share what I come up with before I send it to Compass Energy.

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I do. Please scrub the document for anything to suggest that we are signing onto this because we believe the company will benefit their community. We make no such statement and will not sign on to that. We will accept a grant. I fully understand that the language in the grant has to say that the grant only happens if they get their application approved before the CEC.

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Hello Elliot,

Thank you for the update.
The timing of your message is excellent as I was about to load the agreement into Jaggaer and prepare a BOT coversheet. I will buy us time by sending the agreement back to Compass Energy and request that not be a donation and instead a grant. I can give them a sample of the language used in the Samueli Foundation Grant agreement for consideration. Let me know if you agree with this approach.

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From: Elliot Stern <estern@saddleback.edu>
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Israel: Please put the discussion with our potential grantor in the energy storage business on hold. You don't need to tell them that or take any action. You just need to stretch out the conversation and your response times.

Opposing parties have reached out to Trustees. Julie wants a bit of time to sort this out with them. My preference is that we remain neutral on the application to the California Energy Commission and take their grant if they are successful. But at the end of the day, Julie may need to let the Trustees decide this one since they are being hit up by strong, opposing entities-City of San Juan leadership on one side and Compass Energy on the other.

BTW, if we do get back on track, the final document cannot be called a Community Benefit Grant, as their first iteration is titled. This implies we are agreeing that they provide community benefit. The document would need to be described and titled as a grant, not an agreement, and "community benefit" would need to be stripped from the title.

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