

Economic Development Fund Management Level Policy

Purpose: To establish, maintain and administer an economic development fund for the betterment of all Bozrah Light & Power (BL&P) customers. With this policy, the BL&P management establishes its expectations for the fund.

Policy: BL&P shall be responsive to community needs and values by communicating proactively with community leaders and by maintaining a strong community presence in support of the Department's mission and core values. As such; an economic development fund shall be established, maintained and administered by BL&P.

Consistent with this general statement, BL&P will:

1. Establish, develop, maintain, implement, monitor, administer an economic development fund for the betterment of all BL&P customers including strategies and programs that align with BL&P's business objectives and are aimed at improving the quality of life in the communities that BL&P serves.
 2. Promote the economic vitality of the BL&P service area.
 3. Promote Commission approved economic development funds, incentives, special rates, or terms and conditions for utility services, as described in BL&P's customer service rules, regulations and rate tariffs.
 4. Inform appropriate community leaders and customers of BL&P's community engagement strategies and programs and their benefits.
 5. **Description:** The economic development fund and the associated programs are rate base funded programs consisting of financial assistance reimbursement for permanent electric distribution level infrastructural improvements.
 6. **Funding:** An annual amount of \$2,500 or an amount as approved by the BL&P Utility Commission, shall be contributed to a special reserve account for the specific purpose of economic development within the communities that BL&P serves. The annual amount shall be established and approved as part of the BL&P budget.
 7. **Qualifying Customers:**
 - a. New business customers with an anticipated load of 10kW or greater. Kw load will be calculated as the monthly peak demand over the most recent twelve (12) month consecutive period.
 - b. Existing business customers adding new incremental connected load of 10kW or greater.
 - c. Existing business customers in economic distress that have legitimate opportunities to move operation out of BL&P's service territory and have a total load of 500kW or that are one of BL&P's fifth largest customers.
 - d. The business customer must review the energy efficiency programs & opportunities with a BL&P representative.
 - e. The business customer must meet all conditions set forth in BL&P's rules and regulations, and be current on all BL&P billing statements.
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8. **Eligible Projects:** Eligible projects are any permanent electrical distribution level infrastructural improvement projects as approved by BL&P.
9. **Maximum Amount Awarded:**
 - a. The total award may not exceed one years' worth of the prior fiscal year customer's BL&P distribution revenue.
 - b. The total award may not exceed 100% of the permanent distribution level electrical infrastructure improvement.
 - c. All awards are subject to funding availability and are awarded at the sole discretion of the BL&P Utility Commission.
10. **Timeframe:** Decisions on all applications will be rendered within 90 days of application submission subject to BL&P Utility Commission meeting schedule. Reimbursement funds will be disbursed within 30 days following the final inspection and verification of the improvement. If the application is approved, project construction must be completed within two (2) years from the date of the application or said approval becomes null and void.
11. **Reimbursement:** Funds are to be dispersed only on a reimbursement basis and BL&P reserves the right to request and receive any and all documents required to verify the expenditure. Approved reimbursements will be applied to the Bozrah Light and Power's project work order as a reduction to the customer's total project cost.