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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) grant

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County are applying for a Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) grant to design a program that reduces energy and water use by consumers and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City, the County and the University of Virginia are jointly developing a climate protection approach that will focus on energy, particularly energy conservation and efficiency in existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, this Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) is being designed to save money for residents, business owners and others, to stimulate ongoing workforce and economic development and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the grant competition, dubbed the “Southern Energy Alliance,” seeks to replicate the Cambridge Energy Alliance (CEA), a private, nonprofit program established by the City of Cambridge that is helping thousands of residential and business customers identify and arrange financing for cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy measures; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 General Assembly, at the initiation of Charlottesville and with strong support from Albemarle, approved SB 1212, which, similarly, allows any Virginia locality to provide loans for the initial acquisition and installation of clean energy/energy efficient improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that many Virginia localities may establish these programs as a way to recognize the benefits of making energy efficient improvements an attractive and affordable option in their communities; and

WHEREAS, this local grant application reflects the SEEA’s mission to promote and achieve energy efficiency through networking, program activities, and education; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission supports the Charlottesville/Albemarle application for SEEA grant funding.

Adopted the 7th day of April, 2009

Billie Campbell, Secretary