

February 25, 2022



Department of Energy

Re: Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize

Dear DOE, EERE and ED Officials,

The Fledge and Michigan Mosaic Energy Cooperative Team would like to introduce you to our project: HIRED! Hyper Inclusive Regenerative Energy DAO. We believe it meets and exceeds the specifications for your Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize.

The Fledge is a radically inclusive community hub on a mission to eliminate poverty through diverse opportunities, workforce development, skilled training, and free programming. We have created our own crypto currency with real monetary value and a system to keep the money and benefit in the community that is investing into the locally developed DAO. This allows the people to spend their investments in ways that directly benefit themselves and their environment, creating a way to gain wealth where there was none. Community resources bought by the DAO (individual investments) are provided directly to the investors. These investors are the community members living in poverty (25% of Lansing for over 40 years) and those living below the ALICE Threshold (42% of Lansing). This program will decrease the 50% rental property housing statistic in Lansing and increase the amount of property holders, giving people a chance to build equity and generational wealth.

Please view our three-minute video here: https://youtu.be/vUSva_DBpgY

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We partner with several organizations in the renewable energy and entrepreneurial spaces, including but not limited to, Mid-Michigan Energy Cooperative, Michigan Mosaic Energy Cooperative, MSU Hickey Labs, M.A.D.E Institute and more (see logos).



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We are located in and serve Lansing, MI and the tri-county area (Ingham, Eaton, Clinton counties). Although we are operating in this local space, we have satellite Fledges in Madison, WI and Partners in Flint, Detroit, and Grand Rapids. Our model for generating sustainable revenue is proven to be repeatable and scalable.

Jerry Norris
CEO and Founder
The Fledge



February 23, 2022

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Economic Impact and Diversity
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in support of the Fledge and Michigan Mosaic Energy Cooperative's (FMMEC) Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize application. The Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) is a coalition of area leaders committed to building a prosperous and vibrant region, which includes a strong commitment to evolving and stabilizing the regional economy. FMMEC's proposed Hyper Inclusive Regenerative Energy DAO (HIRED) pilot project aligns with LEAP's strategic efforts to diversify industry and pave a sustainable path toward continued growth in the Lansing, Michigan region.

The Fledge is a longtime partner with LEAP in developing an equitable and high-tech entrepreneurial ecosystem and related programming supporting entrepreneurs at all stages and increasing economic mobility in the Lansing region. The Fledge's radically inclusive, barrier reducing, model and expansive programming addresses equity and accessibility issues, building community wealth through regenerative processes, workforce development, and the blockchain/DAO community.

We also support the Michigan Mosaic Energy Cooperative's role to facilitate the education aspects of this proposed project, including Identifying and measuring community energy needs for food and electricity; Mapping community assets in time, tools, and talents locally available; Modeling system-level socioeconomic transformation on a bioregional basis; Creating and developing a local complementary currency; and Building resilient community hands-on energy infrastructures.

LEAP proudly supports FMMEC's pilot project proposal and efforts to build new economic systems that enable and empower our communities and equitably distribute energy assets in all cost-effective forms. Our regional economy has a vested interest in the success of this project and LEAP strongly supports FMMEC's Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize request.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 2022
U.S. Department of Energy
Inclusive Energy Grant
Washington, DC

Re: DOE Inclusive Energy Grant
Application for the Fledge and Michigan Mosaic Energy Cooperative (FMMEC)
To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this our letter of support for FMMEC's application for the DOE's Inclusive Energy grant application. FMMEC is proposing a pilot project, Hyper Inclusive Regenerative Energy DAO (HIRED). This project aligns with Capital Area Michigan Works!, as we serve as a network of resources for employers and career seekers within the tri-county region of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties. We partner with businesses to develop recruiting and retention strategies, and we partner with job seekers to enhance education and career opportunities.

The Fledge is radically inclusive, striving to allow everyone to pursue their own happiness. They work hard to have a zero barrier to entry. They want you to come to the Fledge with all the gifts you have to offer the community, and they want to make available to you all the gifts their community has. They thrive on diversity, synchronicity, and their many symbiotic relationships. The Fledge model addresses equity issues in access to regenerative community, workforce development, and blockchain/DAO community wealth building through resilient, fun, and loving relationships. This project embodies FMMEC's value driven mission, valuing self, each other, and the environment.

We support the role of Michigan Mosaic Energy Cooperative in this project—to facilitate the education aspect with regard to a regenerative future, through building new economic systems that enable and empower our communities to benefit from our actions which provide abundant and equitable distribution of the energy assets in all cost-effective forms. They will be an inspiration in building trust in the community, providing leadership and elevating local energy projects. More specifically, activities supported by the organization include:

- Identifying and measuring community energy needs for food and electricity;
- Mapping community assets in time, tools, and talents locally available;
- Modeling system-level socioeconomic transformation on a bioregional basis;
- Creating and developing a local complementary currency;
- Building resilient community **hands-on energy infrastructures**.

Please contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Washington D.C

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We support the roles of the project that provide education of a regenerative future through building new economic systems that enable and empower their members and communities to benefit from their actions, abundantly and equitably distributing energy assets in all cost-effective forms through. This effort will be an inspiration in building trust in the community, provide leadership and elevate local energy projects. More specifically, activities supported by the project include:

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Regards,

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February 16, 2022
U.S. Department of Energy
Inclusive Energy Grant
Washington D.C

Re: DOE Inclusive Energy Grant
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this our letter of support for FMMEC's application for the DOE's Inclusive Energy grant application. FMMEC is proposing a pilot project, Regenerative Energy Economics (REE). This project aligns with our organization MADE Institute and mission.

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Regards,

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I support both the Fledge and Michigan Mosaic Energy Cooperative because they have been there for me in launching my business. The Fledge has provided invaluable business creation skills, connections and confidence. MMEC has been there since the beginning in helping me learn about ebikes and the technical aspects of running my business with clean energy!

This effort will continue to be an inspiration in building trust in the community, provide leadership and elevate local energy projects. More specifically, activities supported by the project include building resilient community hands-on infrastructures like that of Red Bike Delivery.



Please contact us with any additional questions or concerns.
Regards,

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Regards,

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