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**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

ITEM 4, FILE #090027

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File Number 090027 is a resolution relating to the acceptance and expenditure of a \$200,000 contribution from WE Energies to support the Solar America Cities grant and additional contributions and rebates from the Focus on Energy program.

Background

1. Common Council Resolution Number 080121 adopted June 6, 2008, approved the application, acceptance and funding of a Solar America Cities grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of the grant is to reduce barriers to the adoption of solar technologies within the City of Milwaukee. The Solar America Cities grant was in the amount of \$300,000, with a grantor share of \$200,000 and a City match of \$100,000. The City match of \$100,000 was provided from the Energy Challenge Fund (2008 Budget). The grant period is from June 10, 2008 to June 10, 2010.
2. As part of the Solar America Cities grant WE Energies and Focus on Energy pledged to provide in-kind and cash match contributions of approximately \$470,000 to promote solar activities in the City of Milwaukee.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Department of Administration to accept up to \$470,000 in contributions from WE Energies and Focus on Energy for the Solar America City grant project activities.
2. WE Energies will contribute \$200,000 to the Solar America Cities grant program.
3. Focus on Energy will contribute up to \$270,000 in project rebates on solar equipment. Focus on Energy will also provide a small grant to the City to develop marketing materials for solar energy.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution authorizes the Department of Administration to accept \$200,000 in contributions from WE Energies and up to \$270,000 in contributions of project rebates on solar equipment and a small marketing materials grant from Focus on Energy in support of the Solar America City grant project.

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