



Department of Administration
Office of Environmental Sustainability

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To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Council Members:

Approval is requested for the Office of Environmental Sustainability to apply for and accept a grant of up to \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Energy for the second round of Solar America Cities funding. We will work with partners to identify matching funds for this project so there will be no funds required by the City of Milwaukee.

The grant funding will be used to continue to develop markets for solar technology in Milwaukee and to identify opportunities for Milwaukee businesses to manufacture components for the solar industry. A complete project description and budget information will be provided.

The resolution will authorize the Environmental Sustainability Director to apply for funds from the U.S. Department of Energy and, if funds are awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy for this project. The resolution will also authorize fund expenditures upon the receipt of the federal grant.

Sincerely,

Ann Beier
Environmental Sustainability Director