

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: Department of Administration / Office of Environmental Sustainability

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Category of Request

☒ New Grant

☐ Grant Continuation

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Project/Program Title: Rooftop Solar Challenge II

Grantor Agency: Midwest Renewable Energy Association (from U.S. Department of Energy)

Grant Application Date: 7/1/2013

Anticipated Award Date: 8/1/2014

1. **Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):**
The goals of the Rooftop Solar Challenge II Grant project will build on work the City of Milwaukee has begun in reducing the cost of solar and increasing adoption of solar energy throughout the community. Specifically, the grant project goals are to further increase customer satisfaction with solar permitting, inspection and interconnection processes; further expand creative financing options for city residents and businesses to install solar devices such as expanding Milwaukee Neighborhood Group Buy programs and Commercial PACE financing. Additionally, OES will provide model permitting, inspection, zoning and financing solutions for communities in southeast Wisconsin to further build a sustainable solar market for installers, distributors and manufacturers. Target populations will be home and business owners in the City of Milwaukee. There will be some work with surrounding municipalities to replicate efforts.
2. **Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:**
The Rooftop Challenge II Grant would meet several City-wide missions including increasing investment and economic vitality through Milwaukee and improving workforce development because we will be increasing the work for solar and electrical contractors as well as making companies more competitive by proving lower energy bills. Additionally the grant will help build healthy neighborhoods and meet the goal to sustain, enhance and promote Milwaukee's natural environmental assets. The grant will also work to clarify processes for City staff in permitting and inspection to ensure efficient solar processes.
3. **Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):**
The grant will provide funding for a .5 FTE position within DOA-OES. This position will work within City government to provide education and training on solar technology and processes, and will work with the broader community to develop financing solutions for solar adoption.
4. **Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):**
5. **Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:**
18 month grant period (August 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015) with option for extension depending on progress made and DOE funding.
6. **Provide a list of Subgrantees:**
None.
7. **If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.**

