



Memorandum

Date: 12/3/2024
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 24-189
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Approval of Consultant Services Agreement with Olympia Community Solar in the Amount of \$87,500, for an Eastside Climate Partnership Solarize Campaign

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Olympia Community Solar will conduct a Solarize Campaign in the Eastside Climate Partnership cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Issaquah, and Mercer Island. Solarize is a nonprofit-sponsored solar energy group purchasing model used to reduce costs and simplify the solar installation process for community members. Project costs will be split between the five participating cities. Workshops, technical support, and outreach will happen across the partner cities.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information
- Provide Direction
- Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Community Strategic Plan, Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP), Climate Emergency Declaration, Redmond 2050
- **Required:**
City Council must approve agreements greater than \$50,000
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
A Solarize Campaign is a local or regional coordinated effort to encourage and support community members to “go solar” by installing a solar photovoltaic (PV) energy system. The solar PV system generates carbon-free electricity that the community member can use, reducing the amount of grid-supplied electricity needed and

increasing local resilience. By participating in a solarize effort, customers receive a group discount and collectively learn how to “go solar” together. The Solarize model tackles three major market barriers: cost, complexity, and customer inertia.

OUTCOMES:

The campaign will be an important strategy to educate community members on solar, facilitate the transition to clean energy, and increase adoption of distributed, clean energy in Redmond.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
2020 Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Surveys and virtual workshops
- **Feedback Summary:**
Community was interested in advancing solar adoption in the region.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$87,500 project costs will be split between five Eastside cities. Redmond costs will be \$17,500.

Approved in current biennial budget: **Yes** **No** **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

Redmond expenses will be split between 2024 (00007) and 2025 budget.

Budget Priority:

Healthy and Sustainable, CIP

Other budget impacts or additional costs: **Yes** **No** **N/A**

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

General Fund, CIP

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
11/19/2024	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

Campaign work will begin ASAP.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Solar campaign would not be executed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Agreement

Attachment B: Non-Competitive Procurement Justification