

RESOLUTION 2021-59

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER, BLUE SKY GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR ARRAY AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION AT THE LARAMIE FIRE STATION NO. 3

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Power provides grants to help advance the construction of new non-residential renewable projects through its Blue Sky Grant program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie is interested in installing a solar array along with a public electric vehicle charging station to serve the Laramie Fire Station No. 3 and public electrical vehicle charging; and,

WHEREAS, this locations was identified following an analysis of energy usage and utility costs at all of the municipal facilities through which it was determined a solar array serving these facilities would yield a significant impact in terms of reducing costs, consumption and public benefit; and,

WHEREAS, electric vehicle charging has been included with this project in response to the Wyoming Interconnected Electric Vehicle Network Study conducted by the Wyoming Department of Transportation where electric vehicle charging has been identified as a need across Wyoming and this installation could be Laramie’s second public electric vehicle charging station; and,

WHEREAS, this project is supported by council priorities, including an environmental stewardship goal adopted via resolution 2021-12, a milestone of which is to “continue renewable energy installations and/or efficiencies at city facilities”, and via resolution 2020-14 which seeks to “immediately reduce carbon emissions from municipal government operations and to pursue a net zero, carbon neutral future for the City of Laramie”; and,

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the governing body of the City of Laramie wishes to participate in Rocky Mountain Power’s Blue Sky Grant program.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE WYOMING, RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. That foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made part of this resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City Council authorizes the filing of an application to Rocky Mountain Power for a 2021 Blue Sky Grant in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 with a \$40,000 match to support the installation of a solar array along with a public electric vehicle charging station at Laramie Fire Station No. 3.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 24th day of August, 2021.

Paul Weaver, Mayor and President
Laramie City Council

ATTEST

Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City Clerk