



**Agenda Item:** Grant

**Title:** Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with Rocky Mountain Power for a Blue Sky award in an amount not to exceed \$39,465 to help fund the installation of a solar array and EV charging station at Fire Station No. 3, Laramie, Wyoming.

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

I move that City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Rocky Mountain Power for a Blue-Sky Grant award in an amount of \$39,465 to help fund the installation of a solar array and EV charging station at Fire Station No. 3, authorize participation in the Blue Sky Business Partners Program and associated budget amendment in the amount of \$85,000 from unencumbered funds and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to Sign.

**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

This project supports Annual Goal B, Environmental Stewardship, Milestone #3 “Continue Renewable Energy Installations and/or Efficiencies at City Facilities and Properties” as detailed in Resolution 2021-12, and Resolution 2020-14 “establishing the intent of the Governing Body to immediately reduce carbon emissions from municipal government facilities and pursue a net zero, carbon neutral future for the City of Laramie, WY.”

**Background:**

Rocky Mountain Power provides grants to non-residential users in its service area to support the construction of renewable projects. This year, Rocky Mountain Power has allocated \$150,000 in funds for Wyoming. Funds will be awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year until the allocation is exhausted.

In August, Council passed Resolution 2020-59 authorizing the submittal of a Blue Sky application to support the acquisition and installation of solar arrays to serve Laramie Fire Station No. 3 and an EV charging station to serve the community. An application was submitted in August and selected for an award of \$39,465. The award requires participation in the Blue Sky Business Partners Program. Staff is recommending participating through the purchase of 10, 200 kWh blocks at FS3. The cost of this purchase is \$1.95/block and equates to an annual total of \$234. These funds are used to assist with future Blue Sky grant applications and participation is required for a minimum of 1 year.

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

N/A

**Budget/Fiscal Information:**

**Revenue**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$39,465.00	Reimbursable from Blue Sky Grant
Loans on Project		
Other	\$45,535.00	Unencumbered Funds/Includes Contingency
Total	\$85,000.00	

**Expense**

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$85,000.00	Total Estimated Cost/Includes Contingency
Loans on Project	\$0.00	
Grants for Project	\$39,365.00	Reimbursable from Blue Sky Grant
Other/Outside Projects	\$0.00	
City's Amount	\$39,465.00	City's Match to Blue Sky
Contingency 0%	\$6,170.00	Unforeseen Project/Cost Changes
Total Amount	\$85,000.00	

Proposed Cost (Approval of this item authorizes preparation of a budget revision for the proposed amount)

Expenditures	Amount	Fund
Proposed Expenditure	\$85,000.00	
Current Budget	\$0.00	
Additional Amount Requested	\$85,000.00	\$39,465 to be reimbursed from Blue Sky Grant
Total Proposed Budget	\$85,000.00	

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