

Solar for Good Application - Spring 2021

RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good initiative fosters the expansion of solar power among mission-based nonprofits and houses of worship in Wisconsin. RENEW Wisconsin awards grants and solar panels to nonprofit organizations, helping them switch to clean, renewable, solar energy. Nonprofit organizations receiving a donation have 12 months to complete their solar projects.

If you have any questions, please contact SolarforGood@renewwisconsin.org.

* Required

1. Email address *

2. Name *

3. Name of Organization *

4. Street Address *

5. City *

6. Zip Code *

7. Phone Number *

8. Title or Role *

9. Nonprofit Status

Please provide proof of your tax-exempt status: either an IRS letter or current certificate from Wisconsin's Department of Financial Institutions.

Files submitted:

10. Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN or FEIN) *

11. About your Organization *

Provide a brief overview of your organization's mission and core programs, including your annual budget, the size of your staff and how long you've been operating. (Limit 300 words)

12. About your Facility and Solar Array *

Describe the project you plan to install. Please include (1) a description of your facility and where the solar array will be located, including the address if different from the above address (2) the size (kilowatts) of the solar array you'd like to install and (3) what proportion of your electric needs will be offset by the system annually. (Limit 200 words)

13. About your Solar for Good Application *

Tell us about why you want to install solar and how this aligns with the mission and operations of your organization. (Limit 200 words)

14. Size of Proposed Solar Array (kilowatts) *

15. Total Cost of Solar Project (\$) *

16. Type of Award *

Solar for Good provides two types of awards to help nonprofits switch to renewable energy. SOLAR PANELS: Solar for Good will award up to 75 panels (~\$12,500 value) for projects under 75 kilowatts and up to 150 panels (~\$25,000 value) for projects above 75 kilowatts. GRANT FUNDING: Solar for Good will award grants for up to 20% of total project cost with a max of \$10,000 for projects under 75 kilowatts, and a max of \$20,000 for projects above 75 kilowatts. Please indicate the type of grant you are applying for.

Mark only one oval.

- Solar Panels
- Grant Funding

17. Explain your Request *

Solar for Good has a limited amount of grant funding available and we expect these awards to be HIGHLY COMPETITIVE. If you selected GRANT FUNDING, please indicate why you are applying for this type of award. (limit 200 words)

18. About your Solar Installers *

Please list the firm(s) you are working with on your installation, including any engineers, consultants, solar contractors, etc. You do not need to list all subcontractors, but please list the primary firms you're interfacing with. Please list a point-of-contact at each firm, including a name, email address and phone number. (Limit 200 words)

19. Solar Installer Point of Contact Name *

20. Solar Project Proposal

Please include a copy of your project's proposal and/or site assessment from your solar contractor.

Files submitted:

21. Timeline and Path to Success *

Describe your project's timeline. How do you plan to ensure that the solar project is completed and installed within 12 months? What obstacles or challenges do you anticipate that could get in the way of completing this project in that time frame? How will you overcome them? (Limit 200 words)

22. Project Budget and Fundraising Plan *

The Solar for Good program is designed to help support projects, not to fund them entirely. If you are awarded solar panels, there are several ways to leverage the Solar for Good award to fund the remaining cost: Will you use (1) funds from an existing budget or capital campaign (2) a public fundraising campaign (3) a bank loan or other financing or (4) some other arrangement? Describe your plan for funding the balance of the system cost. Note: organizations who are granted Solar for Good awards will be required to demonstrate progress toward their fundraising plan 6 months from the date of their award. (Limit 200 words)

23. Focus on Energy Funds *

Have you applied for or plan to apply for incentives from Focus on Energy for this project?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

24. Tax Sponsor *

Do you plan on involving a tax sponsor to assist with financing this project?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

25. Community Engagement *

RENEW Wisconsin wants our grantees to demonstrate impact in one or more the following areas: (1) Social Justice (2) Serving Low-Income Communities (3) Serving People of Color (4) Serving Kids or Seniors (5) Working in Rural Wisconsin, especially Northern or Central Wisconsin (6) Community Education and (7) Solar Innovation and New Technology. Please check each category in which your project or organization will have an impact.

Check all that apply.

Social Justice

Low-Income Communities

People of Color

Children or Seniors

Rural Wisconsin

Education

Innovation or New Technology

Other: _____

26. Community Engagement - Explain *

Using the categories above, please describe in detail how your organization or this solar project will have an impact in one or more of these areas. (Limit 200 words)

27. **Publicity and Education ***

One goal of Solar for Good is to use organizations that receive grants as models to educate and inspire more people to pursue solar energy. There are several potential ways your organization could use the visibility of your project to educate your community or the public about the benefits of solar, including hosting a dedication ceremony, leading a solar workshop, inviting local officials for a tour, creating case studies or educational materials, and more. Describe your plan for educating your community about solar energy. (Limit 200 words)

28. **Anything else?**

Please use this space to explain anything else you think we should know about your organization or your project. (Limit 200 words)

29. **Review and Submit ***

Please make sure to review the Solar for Good MOU that grantees would sign upon accepting an award. Check the boxes below to confirm that you have completed these steps.

<https://www.renewwisconsin.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-Solar-for-Good-MOU-Sample.pdf>

Check all that apply.

- I am a not-for-profit organization located in the state of Wisconsin.
- I have reviewed the Solar for Good Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed if awarded.
- I am authorized by an officer of the organization to apply for and receive this grant.

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