

Solar for Good Application - Fall 2022

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. Name *

2. Title or Role *

3. Name of Organization *

4. Email Address

5. Phone Number *

6. Mailing Address *

7. City *

8. Zip Code *

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. Be sure to include the following items:

- 1. the organization's mission and core programs
- 2. the organization's annual operating budget
- 3. the size of the organization's staff
- 4. how long the organization has been operating

(Limit 300 words)

12. About your Solar Project *

Why is your organization interested in installing solar? Tell us about how renewable energy aligns with your mission and supports the operations of your organization. (Limit 300 words)

13. About your Facility and Solar Array *

Describe the project you plan to install. Please include:

1. a description of your facility and where on the premises the solar array will be located
2. the capacity (size) of the solar array you will install and how much energy will be produced
3. what percentage or proportion of your electric needs will be offset by the system
4. if you plan to implement other technologies like electric vehicle charging, battery storage, heat pumps, and/or energy efficiency measures

(Limit 300 words)

14. Location Address *

Street address where the solar array will be installed.

15. Electric Utility *

Who provides your facility with electricity?

16. Project Size *

Please indicate the capacity (size) of your proposed solar array in kilowatts (kW)

17. Solar Array Type: *

Where will your solar panels be located?

Mark only one oval.

Roof Mount

Ground Mount

18. Project Cost *

What is the total cost of your solar project?

19. Type of Award *

Solar for Good provides one of two types of awards to help nonprofits switch to renewable energy: solar panels OR grant funding.

- SOLAR PANELS: Solar for Good will award organizations half of the solar panels required for their project; up to 75 panels (~\$25,000 value) for projects under 100 kilowatts and up to 150 panels (~\$50,000 value) for projects above 100 kilowatts.
- GRANT FUNDING: Solar for Good will award grants for \$150 for every 1 kW of solar energy installed with a max of \$10,000 (projects under 100 kilowatts) and \$20,000 (projects larger than 100 kilowatts).

Please indicate the type of grant you are applying for.

Mark only one oval.

Solar Panels

Grant Funding

20. About your Solar Installers *

Please list the firm(s) you are working with to install your solar array. Please including any engineers, consultants, solar contractors, etc. You do not need to list all subcontractors, but please list the primary firms. This includes any secondary solar contractors that have provided bids or proposals for your solar project. (Limit 200 words)

21. Solar Installer Point of Contact *

Please list the individual project manager or project developer you are working with at your solar installation firm, including their name, email address, and phone number.

22. Solar Project Proposal

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

Files submitted:

23. Project Timeline *

Describe your project's timeline. Solar for Good grant recipients have 12 months to install their solar project. How do you plan to ensure that your solar project is completed and installed within 12 months? Are there any obstacles or challenges that you anticipate will prevent the organization from completing this project? Example: "still raising capital funds", "replacing a roof", "upgrading electrical systems" etc. (Limit 200 words)

24. Target Installation Date *

Approximately when do you anticipate completing your solar project?
Examples: "November 2022", "Q4 2022" "late 2022"

25. Project Budget and Fundraising Plan *

The Solar for Good program is designed to help support projects, not to fund them entirely. If you receive an award, there are several ways to leverage Solar for Good to fund the remaining cost.

Will you use:

- funds from an existing budget or capital campaign?
- a public fundraising campaign?
- a bank loan, third-party loan, or other financing?
- another arrangement?

Describe your plan for funding the balance of the system cost. Note: organizations who are awarded Solar for Good grants will be required to demonstrate progress toward their fundraising plan 6 months from the date of their award. (Limit 200 words)

26. Focus on Energy Funds *

Will you apply for incentives from Focus on Energy for this project?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

27. Tax Sponsor *

Does this solar project involve a tax sponsor?

NOTE: If a tax sponsor is assisting with this project, the Solar Project Proposal submitted above MUST reflect the total project cost MINUS an approximate value of the grant and/or donated panels. If the proposal estimate of project costs does not reflect the value of the grant, this application cannot be accepted.

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

28. Community Engagement *

RENEW Wisconsin wants our grant recipients to demonstrate service and impact in several key sectors. Does the mission of your organization impact one or more of the following areas?

- Social Justice - justice in terms of distribution of opportunities and privileges within society
- Low-Income Communities - community with a census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent or a median family income 80 percent or less than the area it is benchmarked against
- People of Color - group or community of people who do not consider themselves "white"
- Children or Seniors - minors and/or members of the community over 65 years old
- Rural Wisconsin - population or housing not in an urban or suburban area
- Education - providing free or public education to children or adults in the community

Please check each category in which your organization has an impact:

Check all that apply.

Social Justice

Low-Income Communities

People of Color

Children or Seniors

Rural Wisconsin

Education

Other: _____

29. Community Engagement - Explain *

Describe in detail how closely your organization impacts each of the categories selected above. Tell us specifically how the organization serves and improves those communities. (Limit 200 words)

30. Publicity and Education *

Solar for Good grant recipients agree to promote their solar project and the benefits of solar energy to their community, acting as a model to educate and inspire others to adopt solar.

There are several potential ways your organization can use the visibility of your solar project to educate the community or public about the benefits of solar. This includes but is not limited to:

- hosting a ribbon-cutting or dedication ceremony
- leading a solar workshop
- inviting local officials for a tour or open house
- creating renewable energy educational materials

Describe your plan for educating your members about solar energy and how you plan to promote this solar project to the community when finished. (Limit 200 words)

31. Anything else?

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

32. Review and Submit *

Please make sure to review the Solar for Good MOU that grantees will 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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