



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes an amendment to the service contract between the City of Madison and RENEW Wisconsin, Inc. to add \$170,000 and the 2024 scope of work for the MadiSUN program. Funding is available in the Sustainability Improvements capital project. No appropriation is required.

Title

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to amend the service contract between the City of Madison and RENEW Wisconsin, Inc. to add the 2024 scope of work and funding for the MadiSUN program.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has been a Solar America City since 2007, a SolSmart Gold Community since 2016, and is committed to promoting solar technology adoption at the local level; and,

WHEREAS, in March of 2017, the Common Council adopted RES-17-00213 which called on the City to establish a goal for City of Madison operations and community to reach a goal of 100% renewable energy and net-zero greenhouse gas emissions; and,

WHEREAS, the City has invested in the MadiSUN programs since 2016 to make it easier and more affordable to install solar energy; and,

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with RENEW Wisconsin to administer MadiSUN since 2016; and,

WHEREAS, MadiSUN is comprised of the following programs:

1. The Group Buy for Homes program brings together households across the area and uses their collective buying power to reduce the cost of rooftop solar while also providing education, guidance and technical support throughout the process. Initiated in 2016, the program has enabled nearly 300 households to install over 1,500 kilowatts of solar energy.
2. The Solar For Business Program award grants to Madison-based businesses to assist them in installing solar energy systems at their facilities. Since 2018, the Solar for Businesses Program has helped 23 businesses install more than 1 megawatt (MW) of solar energy.
3. The Backyard Solar Grant provides funds to nonprofit organizations and affordable housing developments to address inequitable access to solar energy. Since the program launch in 2019, grants have been awarded 19 organizations to install approximately 1,056 kilowatts of solar energy.
4. The Solar Workforce Training Program helps identify and train Madisonians for renewable energy careers through partnerships with local community organizations like the Latino Academy of Workforce Development to promote the Workforce Training Courses; and,

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, the Madison Common Council adopted Resolution (RES-23-00209) to enter into three-year service contract effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 with RENEW Wisconsin, Inc.

to administer the MadiSUN Program; and

WHEREAS, funding for the MadiSUN program is allocated on an annual basis and the City wishes to continue the contractual relationship with RENEW to administer these programs for the 2024 calendar year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute a contract amendment with RENEW Wisconsin, Inc. to add \$170,000.00 in funding and the scope of work for the MadiSUN program in 2024.