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	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing execution of a grant agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the Solar Ready Iowa Pilot Local Government Grant.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of this action allows Community Development Department staff to work in partnership with and receive funding from the IEDA to support the Solar Ready Iowa project. This project will create a solar roadmap for the installation of solar photovoltaic systems in Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant provides up to \$20,000 in financial assistance to support implementation of the project. This requires a 20% City match that can be in the form of in-kind contributions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The goal of this project is to promote the installation of solar photovoltaic systems through the reduction of regulatory barriers. The project will include a review of the comprehensive plan, regulations, processes, and fees associated with installing photovoltaic systems. It will also include staff training and development of educational materials to promote their use. The IEDA will provide resources and consulting to assist in project implementation. Staff will utilize this opportunity to streamline the process for permitting solar photovoltaic systems in Des Moines.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Complete the process of identifying and reducing barriers in regulatory and permitting processes by December 31, 2015.

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