



Date September 22, 2014

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT
WITH IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE
SOLAR READY IOWA PILOT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa provides grants to local governments to promote installation of solar photovoltaic systems through the reduction of regulatory barriers, and specifically promotion of rooftop solar installations by lowering soft costs related thereto, pursuant to the Solar Ready Iowa Pilot Local Government project, which State grants are administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA); and

WHEREAS, IEDA has selected the City of Des Moines to receive a Solar Ready Iowa grant award of up to \$20,000.00, which award may be used for expenses including project-related staff time, travel expenses, and subcontracts needed to complete the proposed scope of work; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for said grant funding, the City and its staff are expected to, among other things, identify a staff member to be the City's solar photovoltaic systems contact person, work with IEDA for creation of a "Solar Roadmap", attend IEDA-led workshops and training sessions related to impediments to solar photovoltaic system installation, review and report on a model zoning ordinance, expedited solar photovoltaic system permit and permitting checklist provided by IEDA, and review the City's permit fee structure and comprehensive plan in relation to solar photovoltaic system implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City's Solar Ready Iowa Pilot project will be funded as follows: up to \$20,000.00 State grant, and twenty percent (20%), or \$4,000.00, local City match which may be in the form of in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Economic Development Authority Solar Ready Iowa Pilot Local Government Agreement, in substantially the form as on file in the office of the City Clerk, must be approved and authorized by and between the City and IEDA before State grant funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

1. Following review and approval of form by the Iowa Economic Development Authority and by the City's Legal Department, the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Iowa Economic Development Authority Solar Ready Iowa Pilot Local Government Agreement, in substantially the form as on file in the office of the City Clerk, with Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the State grant funding.



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- 2. The City Manager and Community Development Department Director, and their respective designee(s), are authorized and directed to administer the Solar Ready Iowa Pilot Local Government project in accordance with the terms of said Agreement, and to identify the staff person(s) to be the City's solar photovoltaic staff contact.

- 3. The Finance Director is authorized and directed to issue checks in the amounts necessary to provide local match funding related to the project, up to the amount of \$4,000.00, for costs certified by the City Manager's Office and/or the Community Development Department.

(Council Communication No. 14-462)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk