

RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-056

(12-RES0-91a)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, COMMITTING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND PHASE OF BROWARD COUNTY'S SUNSHOT INITIATIVE: ROOFTOP SOLAR CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY; AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED COMMITMENT LETTER.

WHEREAS, Go SOLAR is a part of the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") SunShot Initiative which was established to assist in reducing the installed cost of solar energy systems so as to make solar energy costs competitive with other forms of energy; and

WHEREAS, Broward County is one of only twenty-two (22) governments in the nation to receive funding for the SunShot Initiative program; and

WHEREAS, the Go SOLAR program makes it easier for Broward County residents and businesses to convert to solar energy by reducing the cost and wait time associated with the permitting process for installing photovoltaic (PV) rooftop solar systems; and

WHEREAS, the Go SOLAR program will allow for a streamlined, online application system with standardized fees, and uniform interconnection to utility systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood recognizes the importance of collaborative efforts to help implement unified strategies that will improve the solar market throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood will become an active participant in the second phase of the Go SOLAR Broward Rooftop Challenge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That it hereby commits the City of Hollywood to participate in the Second Phase of Broward County's SunShot Initiative: Rooftop Solar challenge Program.

Section 2: That it hereby approves and authorizes the execution, by the appropriate City Officials, of the attached Letter of Commitment together with such non-material changes as may subsequently be agreed to by the City Manager and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

Section 3: That the appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies.

Section 4: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6 day of MAR, 2013.



PETER BOBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
for the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.



JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY



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Peter Bober
Mayor

March 6, 2013

United States Department of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Field Office
Golden Field Office
Office of Financial Assistance

Re: Rooftop Solar Challenge II Grant: DE-FOA-0000788

The purpose of this letter is to extend our commitment to participate in the second phase of Broward County's SunShot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge Grant Program. If funding for this program is approved, the City of Hollywood, representing a population of approximately 143,400, agrees to make personnel available as needed throughout the life of the grant by contributing in-kind staff time or other resources. This may include:

- (1) A point-person to coordinate staff activities related to the grant, ensure appropriate training is completed with respect to implementing a streamlined permitting database for rooftop Photovoltaic (PV) systems, and attend periodic stakeholders' meetings;
- (2) Existing Building Officials to provide technical and administrative assistance required to support the project's goals and objectives;
- (3) Planning & Zoning Officials to provide technical assistance regarding municipal policies and procedures;
- (4) IT staff to provide appropriate maintenance of municipal websites, attend website trainings related to the streamlined permitting database, and offer educational courses to affected staff.

In return, I understand that the City of Hollywood will receive software/database access to the streamlined permitting system developed by the grant, free-of-charge.

By working cooperatively with other Florida municipalities and counties, funding from DOE should enable Broward County to use the lessons, tools, and experience acquired over the past year to implement unified strategies that will improve the solar market throughout Florida. We look forward to working collaboratively on this program, and fully support its proposed goals and objectives.

Sincerely,

Peter Bober
Mayor



Our Mission: We are dedicated to providing municipal services for our diverse community in an atmosphere of cooperation, courtesy and respect. We do this by ensuring all who live, work and play in the City of Hollywood enjoy a high quality of life.

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