



'Solar for Good' Grant Program Opens for Fall 2018 - Will Support More Solar Energy for Wisconsin Nonprofits

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RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good program today opened its third application process with approximately \$100,000 in grants available for mission-driven nonprofit organizations across Wisconsin seeking to install solar power.

The grants assist nonprofits in funding the cost of a clean, renewable solar power project. Smaller grants can also provide technical assistance, including professional solar site assessments and engineering services, needed to get solar projects off the ground.

Solar power is very popular with mission-driven nonprofits because it aligns with their goals to improve people's well-being and create a better future. The projects also help nonprofits save money on energy costs.

Through the first two rounds of this Solar for Good, successful solar projects have been supported for organizations of faith, those serving human needs, groups protecting special places, and more. The first two rounds occurred in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, and so far, 25 solar projects have been awarded grants, and 12 projects are already completed.

"We are very pleased to announce our third round of **Solar for Good** funding to help more Wisconsin nonprofits take advantage of solar energy. Solar energy is healthy energy for people and for the beautiful Wisconsin landscapes we all enjoy," said Tyler Huebner, Executive Director of RENEW Wisconsin.

Solar for Good is funded through generous donations from local philanthropists **Cal and Laurie Couillard of Deerfield** and additional donors. The program provides up to 20% of the cost of a solar array, with a grant cap of \$10,000 for solar arrays sized less than 75 kilowatts and a grant cap of

\$20,000 for arrays 75 kilowatts and above. Solar for Good has already awarded over \$200,000 in grants, resulting in nearly \$1.8 million of new solar power projects in Wisconsin.

In return for funding assistance, recipients of the Solar for Good grants help spread the word about their project and educate their communities about solar power's benefits.

How to Apply

Organizations can learn more and apply at <https://www.renewwisconsin.org/solarforgood/>.

In order to be eligible, the organization must be a registered nonprofit organization located in Wisconsin, be in good financial standing, be ready to install solar and agree to participate in educating community members about the benefits of solar energy. If approved for a grant, all fundraising, design and installation for the solar project must be completed within 12 months.

Applications are open now for this round of funding and must be received by Tuesday, November 13th 2018 at 5:00pm. Decisions and funding announcements will be made by Monday, November 26th, 2018.

For organizations looking at solar for the first time, technical assistance grants are available to fund a solar site assessment (up to \$250) or engineering review (up to \$500) for their solar array. These applications will be reviewed separately from the applications for grants for solar installation and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

About RENEW Wisconsin

RENEW Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization which promotes renewable energy in Wisconsin. We work on policies and programs that support solar power, wind power, biogas, local hydropower, and geothermal energy. More information is available on RENEW's website: www.renewwisconsin.org.