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Solar Grant Program to Generate \$4.5 Million in New Solar Energy Projects for Wisconsin Nonprofits

RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good program will issue 36 grants to Wisconsin nonprofit organizations to install new solar-electric systems. Altogether, these grants will total over \$445,000 and will lead to more than \$4.5 million in new solar investment. The new solar arrays, planned for installation over the next twelve months, will add 2.13 megawatts (MW) of new solar power to Wisconsin's electric mix.

This round of funding featured a diverse group of awardees from every part of Wisconsin. The winning projects include:

- [Beloit College](#) will convert a former coal-fired power plant into a carbon-neutral student activity center, complete with solar electric and geothermal heating.
- [Sawyer County Housing Authority](#) will install solar arrays on 6 multi-family, low-income housing facilities, which will directly offset their residents' utility bills
- [Primates Inc.](#), a sanctuary for retired primates from the research and film industry, plans to construct a 30-kilowatt array for their habitats near Westfield.

RENEW's fall 2018 funding period builds on the success of Solar for Good's previous rounds in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. During the first and second funding rounds, RENEW issued over \$200,000 in grants, helping 23 Wisconsin-based nonprofits invest over \$1.67 million in new solar projects.

"Solar for Good has reached new heights," said Heather Allen, Program Director for RENEW Wisconsin. "With these 36 grants, Solar for good will generate \$4.5 million in new solar projects. This will help nonprofits across the state lower their energy costs, inspire their communities, and promote a cleaner, healthier Wisconsin."

The following organizations have been offered Solar for Good grants to install new solar electric systems:

Abinooji Aki, provides education on Native American values/teachings, Hayward
Attic Angel Place, a senior living campus and assisted living facility, Middleton
Beaver Dam Family Ice Arena, community ice-skating facility, Beaver Dam
Beloit College, liberal arts college, Beloit
Bethel Horizons, a retreat center and art education campus, Dodgeville
Blackhawk Evangelical, house of worship, Middleton
Christ Lutheran Church, house of worship, Spring Green
Housing Authority of Milwaukee, low-income housing provider, Milwaukee
Humane Society of Burnett County, safe haven for stray/unwanted animals, Webster
Juda School District, public education, Juda
Friends of Lawton Memorial Library, public library and learning center, La Farge
Literacy Network, adult reading, writing, and computer education facility, Madison
Madison Audubon Society, wildlife habitat protection, education, & advocacy, Madison
NeighborWorks Green Bay, low-income housing provider, Green Bay
Northland Lutheran High School, private education, Kronenwetter
Operation Fresh Start, adult education and job skill training facility, Madison
Oregon Ice Arena, community ice-skating facility, Oregon
Primates Inc, a sanctuary for primates retired from research and film industry, Westfield
Random Lake School District, public education, Random Lake
Redeemer Lutheran Church, house of worship, Milwaukee
Redeemer City Church, house of worship, Fitchburg
Sawyer County Housing Authority, low-income housing provider, Sawyer County
Sisters of Saint Francis, religious order, Green Bay
Solon Springs School District, public education, Solon Springs
St. Dennis Congregation, house of worship, Madison
Washburn Elementary and High Schools, public education, Washburn
Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ, house of worship, Deforest

Two organizations have asked to remain anonymous at this time.

The Solar for Good program is primarily funded by philanthropists Cal and Laurie Coulliard of Deerfield. Solar for Good grants fund up to 20% of an organization's solar installation. RENEW plans to issue another round of grant-funding in spring 2019. To learn more, please visit the [Solar for Good website](#).

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, geothermal energy, and electric vehicles. More information on RENEW's website: www.renewwisconsin.org