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May 27, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

His Excellency and Honorable Councilors:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to award grant funds in the amount of \$181,000 to Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success (ORIS), vendor number 231034, to work with a developer to design and build a community solar project on land owned by ORIS, from Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2022. Funding is 100% Renewable Energy Fund (REF), a non-lapsing special fund established pursuant to RSA 362-F:10.

02-81-81-811510-54540000 Renewable Portfolio Standard 362-F:10

	FY2021	Total
010-081-54540000-073-500579 Grants Non Federal	\$181,000	\$181,000

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to RSA 362-F:10, the Commission is charged with administering the REF, the purpose of which is to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives. The Commission issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-004 pursuant to RSA 362-F:10, X, which requires the Commission to provide no less than fifteen percent of the funds annually to benefit low-moderate income (LMI) residential customers through financing or leveraging of financing for, including but not limited to, the development of community solar projects in manufactured housing communities or in multi-family rental housing.

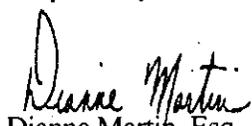
The Commission received five (5) proposals requesting \$868,933 in funds in response to the RFP. Attachment 1 provides additional information on the grant review and award process, and Attachment 2 provides a summary of all projects awarded grants.

With these funds, ORIS will work with a developer to design and build a community solar facility. The ORIS program model is structured to maximize direct benefits to the LMI farmers that participate in ORIS' Fresh Start Farms Program. ORIS will own the array and immediately receive direct benefits from the energy generation. Direct ownership will provide additional benefits to ORIS and ORIS LMI farmers, including renewable energy certificate ownership and maximum compensation for energy produced. The project's technical and program details are described in Attachment 3.

The grant is contingent on sufficient REF funds being available upon the effective date of the grant agreement. The funds have been allocated for this contract, and are being held in the fund. In the event that the REF funds are insufficient or are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

I am available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne Martin, Esq.
Chairwoman
(603)931-2389

Attachments:

Agreement with Exhibits

Attachment 1 - 2021 Grant Review Process

Attachment 2 - Table of 2021 Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Community Solar PV Grant Awards

Attachment 3- Project and Program Overview

ATTACHMENT 1 – 2021 LMI GRANT PROCESS

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 22, 2021, for community solar photovoltaic (PV) projects providing direct benefits to low, moderate, or low and moderate-income (LMI) residential electric customers who reside within the same electric distribution utility service territory. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:10, X “no less than 15 percent of the funds shall annually benefit low-moderate income residential customers, including, but not limited to, the financing or leveraging of financing for low-moderate income community solar projects in manufactured housing communities or in multi-family rental housing.” The RFP required that projects result in quantifiable direct benefits to a minimum of three LMI participants.

The RFP was circulated electronically to the service list for Docket DE 17-172, Development of Renewable Energy Fund Programs for LMI Residential Customers Under SB129 of 2017, and the service list for Docket DE 10-212, Establishing a Commercial and Industrial Renewable Energy Rebate Program. The RFP was posted on the Commission website for the full submission period, and was advertised in the New Hampshire Union Leader on January 26, 27, and 28, 2021. All responses were due no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 26, 2021.

Total funding available under this RFP was \$400,000. The minimum grant request amount allowed was \$75,000. The maximum grant request amount allowed was \$200,000. The Commission received five (5) proposals requesting a total of \$868,933 in grant funds. One of the proposals received was determined to be ineligible during the preliminary review and was not scored.

The review team consisted of members of the PUC staff. The team scored the four eligible proposals using the pre-published scoring criteria set forth in the RFP, developing a score from 0-100 points, to ensure that the proposals met all qualifications of the RFP and that the cost of the proposals were reasonable. Scoring criteria included quantified direct net benefit to LMI participants, project feasibility and readiness, administration and management, and technical specifications. After scoring, Staff provided a funding recommendation to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners approved awarding grant funds for two (2) community solar projects totaling \$379,744.

Attachment 2

Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Community Solar PV Competitive Grant Awards

2021

Proposed Grantee	Town/City	Grant Funding Requested	Total Project Cost	Number of Households	Estimated Direct Annual Net Benefit per Household	Project Model	Model Benefits
Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success (ORIS)	Dunbarton	\$181,000	\$362,155	23	\$864	Non-profit owned LMI farmers to receive on-bill credits on residential electric bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum direct benefit to participants • Reduced administrative burden due to ORIS staff performing income verification • Project model designed to take advantage of net metering LMI Adder
Pine Hill Homeowners Cooperative, Inc.	North Conway	\$198,744	\$198,744	24	\$250	ROC community owned solar ROC participants to receive on-bill credits on residential electric bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project model designed to take advantage of net metering LMI adder • Reduced costs through direct community ownership
Total		\$379,744		47			

Grants from the Renewable Energy Fund help overcome barriers to developing community solar intended to provide direct benefits to low and moderate income residents. Barriers may include limited access to upfront capital, low income households and non-profit organizations cannot take advantage of certain tax credits, and direct cash payments have the potential to impact other public benefits such as SNAP, fuel assistance, etc.

Attachment 3

Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success Project and Program Overview

The Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success (ORIS) program model is structured to maximize direct benefits to low-moderate income (LMI) farmers that participate in ORIS' Fresh Start Farms Program. As designed, this community solar PV project will meet the eligibility requirements to receive a \$0.025 adder to the net metering tariff. The project developer will design and build the community solar project on land owned by ORIS. Grant funds will be combined with leveraged funds secured through donors to purchase the solar array, allowing ORIS to obtain outright ownership of the array as a turnkey project. Ownership will provide benefits to LMI farmers and the non-profit agency ORIS, including renewable energy certificate ownership and maximum direct compensation for energy produced through on-bill credits to reduce electric expenses for the ORIS food hub and farms and participating LMI farmers' residential electric bills.

Under New Hampshire's Group Net Metering program, the project will qualify as a "Low-moderate income community solar project." ORIS will be the host and the farmers will be the members receiving on-bill credits. Through group net metering, allocation percentages are assigned to the host and the members. The host will retain 15% for its allocation and 85% will be allocated to LMI participants' residential electric bills, providing the LMI members with lower monthly expenses while avoiding any unintended consequences to any other public benefits received. With this model, LMI farmer participants will directly receive 85% of the overall net revenue generated by the installed system.

Direct LMI Benefits:

Number of Participants:	23 LMI Households
Annual Estimated Savings per LMI Participant:	\$864
Total Projected Annual Savings:	\$19,872

Project Technical Specifications:

Nameplate Rating: 142.6 kW_{DC} (100 kW_{AC}) Ground Mounted PV System
Projected Energy Generation: approximately 181,231 kilowatt-hours per year

Funding Analysis:

Grant Amount:	\$ 181,000
Total Project Cost:	\$ 362,155
Cost per watt:	\$ 2.54

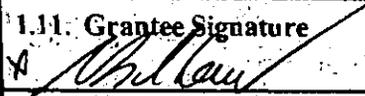
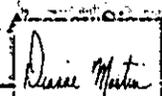
Other Benefits:

- System life expectancy of 30+ years; 5 year labor warranty; one inverter replacement
- System estimated to generate 181 Class II renewable energy certificates (RECs) per year
- Supports fuel diversity and keeps energy dollars in state
- Reduces the amount of greenhouse gases, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter emissions; thereby improving air quality and public health

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Identification and Definitions.

1.1. State Agency Name Public Utilities Commission		1.2. State Agency Address 21 S. Fruit St., Ste. 10, Concord, NH 03301	
1.3. Grantee Name Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success		1.4. Grantee Address 5 Story Hill Road in Dunbarton, NH 03046	
1.5. Effective Date G&C Approval	1.6. Completion Date December 31, 2022	1.7. Audit Date	1.8. Grant Limitation \$181,000
1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency Karen Cramton, Director, Sustainable Energy		1.10. State Agency Telephone No. 603-271-2431	
1.11. Grantee Signature 		1.12. Name & Title of Grantee Signor Mukhtar Idhow, Executive Director	
1.13. Acknowledgment: State of _____, County of _____, on ____/____/____, Before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.11., known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.12., and acknowledged that he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1. Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace (Seal)			
1.13.2. Name and Title of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace			
1.14. State Agency Signature(s) 		1.15. Name & Title of State Agency Signor(s) Dianné Martin, Chairwoman	
1.16. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) By: <i>Takhmina Rakhmatova</i> Assistant Attorney General, On: <u>5/28/2021</u>			
1.17. Approval by the Governor and Council On: ____/____/____			

2. **SCOPE OF WORK:** In exchange for grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1. (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), the Grantee identified in block 1.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Grantee"), shall perform that work, identified and more particularly described in the scope of work attached hereto as EXHIBIT A (the scope of work being hereinafter referred to as "the Project"). Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Grantee shall perform the Project in the State of New Hampshire.

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3. **EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPLETION OF PROJECT.**

3.1. This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date in block 1.5 or on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire whichever is later (hereinafter referred to as "the effective date").

3.2. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in its entirety prior to the date in block 1.6 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").

4. **GRANT AMOUNT; MANNER OF PAYMENT; LIMITATIONS.**

4.1. The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B, attached hereto.

4.2. The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT B.

4.3. In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT B, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 4.5 of these general provisions, the State shall pay the Grantee the Grant Amount. The State shall withhold from the amount otherwise payable to the Grantee those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.

4.4. The payment by the State of the Grant amount shall be the only, and the complete payment to the Grantee for all expenses, of whatever nature, incurred by the Grantee in the performance hereof, and shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for the Project. The State shall have no liabilities to the Grantee other than the Grant Amount.

4.5. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made, hereunder exceed the Grant limitation set forth in block 1.8 of these general provisions.

5. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS.** Modifications to these General Conditions and any additional grant conditions shall be set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto.

6. **COMPLIANCE BY GRANTEE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** In connection with the performance of the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities that impose any legal obligations or duty upon the Grantee, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits.

7. **RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS.**

7.1. Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date the Grantee shall keep detailed accounts of all expenses incurred in connection with the Project, including, but not limited to, costs of administration, transportation, insurance, telephone calls, and clerical materials and services. Such accounts shall be supported by receipts, invoices, bills and other similar documents.

7.2. Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, at any time during the Grantee's normal business hours, and as often as the State shall demand, the Grantee shall make available to the State all records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement. The Grantee shall permit the State to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, data (as that term is hereinafter defined), and other information relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. As used in this paragraph, "Grantee" includes all persons, natural or fictional, affiliated with, controlled by, or under common ownership with, the entity identified as the Grantee in block 1.3 of these general provisions.

8. **PERSONNEL.**

8.1. The Grantee shall, at its own expense, contract for or provide all personnel necessary to perform the Project. The Grantee warrants that all personnel engaged in the Project shall be qualified to perform such Project, and shall be properly licensed and authorized to perform such Project under all applicable laws.

8.2. The Grantee shall not hire, and it shall not permit any subcontractor, subgrantee, or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Project, to hire any person who is a State officer or employee, elected or appointed.

8.3. The Grant Officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grant Officer, and his/her decision on any dispute, shall be final.

9. **DATA; RETENTION OF DATA; ACCESS.**

9.1. As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs or data, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2. Between the Effective Date and the Completion Date the Grantee shall grant to the State, or any person designated by it, unrestricted access to all data for examination, duplication, publication, translation, sale, disposal, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

9.3. No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State, unless otherwise specified in Exhibit C.

10. **CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability or continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Grantee notice of such termination.

11. **EVENT OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES.**

11.1. Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Grantee shall constitute an event of default hereunder (hereinafter referred to as "Events of Default"):

11.1.1. failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or

11.1.2. failure to submit any report required hereunder; or

11.1.3. failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or

11.1.4. failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.

11.2. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

11.2.1. give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Grantee notice of termination; and

11.2.2. give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the Grant Amount which would otherwise accrue to the Grantee during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Grantee has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Grantee; and

11.2.3. set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Grantee any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and

11.2.4. treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

12. **TERMINATION.**

12.1. In the event of any early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Project, the Grantee shall deliver to the Grant Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination.

12.2. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall entitle the Grantee to receive that portion of the Grant amount earned to and including the date of termination.

12.3. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall in no event relieve the Grantee from any and all liability for damages sustained or incurred by the State as a result of the Grantee's breach of its obligations hereunder.

12.4. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, either the State or, except where notice of default has been given to the Grantee hereunder, the Grantee, may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

13. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** No representative, officer, member or employee of the Grantee, and no representative, officer or employee of the State of New Hampshire or of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the Project is to be performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of such Project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall he or she have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

14. **GRANTEE'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Grantee, its employees, and any contractor, subcontractor or subgrantee of the Grantee are in all respects independent contractors, and are neither agents nor employees of the State. Neither the Grantee nor any of its representatives, officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, worker's compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

15. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS.** The Grantee shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State.

16. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses

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suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Grantee or its contractors, subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Grantee in the performance of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.

17. **INSURANCE AND BOND.**

17.1. The Grantee shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, or shall require any subcontractor, subgrantee or assignee performing Project work to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State, the following insurance:

17.1.1 statutory worker's compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and

17.1.2 comprehensive general liability insurance for all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$2,000,000 for bodily injury or death any one incident, and \$500,000 for property damage in any one incident; and

17.2 The policies described in subparagraph 17.1 of this paragraph shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. Each policy shall contain a clause prohibiting cancellation or modification of the policy earlier than ten (10) days after written notice thereof has been received by the State. A certificate of insurance demonstrating compliance with subparagraphs 17.1 and 17.2 shall be attached to this Grant Agreement.

18. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express waiver of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provisions hereof. No such failure or waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Grantee.

19. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses first above given.

20. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire.

21. **CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The captions and contents of the "subject" blank are used only as a matter of convenience, and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement or to be used in determining the intent of the parties hereto.

22. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.

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EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF WORK

In exchange for receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$181,000 from the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission), Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success or ORIS (Grantee) agrees to install a 142.6 kW (DC) /100 kW (AC) ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) system located on land owned by ORIS at 5 Story Hill Road in Dunbarton, New Hampshire. Specifically, the Grantee agrees to:

1. Install a ground-mounted solar PV system as described in the Grantee's Proposal in response to Commission RFP #2021-004, Renewable Energy Fund Grants for Community Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Projects Providing Direct Benefits to Low and Moderate Income Residential Electric Customers submitted on February 26, 2021 (the Proposal), including, but not limited to, coordinating and overseeing the design, development, procurement, construction, installation, and interconnection of a 142.6 kW (DC) /100 kW (AC) ground-mounted solar PV system (Project). The description of Project work set forth in the Proposal is incorporated herein by reference, provided that the State in its sole discretion may approve functionally equivalent substitutions for any equipment, materials, methods, or means associated with said described Project work. The Project scope reimbursable with grant funds hereunder includes all materials and labor required to complete the Project, including that of outside contractors, subcontractors, consultants, engineers, and other members of the Project team.
2. Maintain all components of the Project as recommended by its manufacturer and/or engineering specifications.
3. Uphold the commitment to provide on-bill credits to approximately 23 ORIS Fresh Start Farms LMI farmer-members for the full useful life of the Project, with 85% of the net benefits allocated to low and moderate income (LMI) participating members, as set forth in the Proposal.
4. Inform the Commission promptly, in writing, if any net direct benefit(s) to participants will decrease by 10% or more from the net benefit amount set forth in the Proposal.
5. Manage the LMI community solar program as described in the "Deliverables" section and the Proposal.
6. Provide the Commission with reports and status updates, as specified in the "Deliverables" section.
7. Submit a complete New Hampshire Class II Renewable Energy Source Eligibility application to the Commission for the certification of the output of the Project to produce New Hampshire Class II-renewable energy certificates (RECs).
8. Market the Project RECs to electricity providers in New Hampshire for compliance with the state's renewable portfolio standard law, RSA 362-F, if and when the Grantee deems it economically advantageous to do so.
9. Acknowledge the Renewable Energy Fund as a source of funds used for the project in any literature, press release, or public discussion of the Project.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any provision contained in any portion of the Proposal incorporated by reference in paragraph 1 above is contrary to, or inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this grant agreement and all exhibits and attachments then the terms and conditions of this grant agreement and all exhibits and attachments shall control and shall supersede any and all such contrary or inconsistent provisions of the Proposal.

DELIVERABLES

The Grantee agrees to prepare and submit written progress reports to the Commission, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commission, and to participate in monthly status update meetings or conference calls prior to the Project completion date and in additional status update meetings or conference calls upon Commission request following Project completion. The written progress reports shall meet the following specifications:

Report Type	Reporting Period	Due Date	Scope of Report
Report #1	7/1/2021 – 9/30/2021	11/1/2021	Update on community solar program development and enrollment. Overview of Project progress (including, but not limited to, permits, participant recruitment, income verification, development and construction, significant accomplishments, delays, etc.)
Report #2	10/1/2021 - 12/31/2021	2/1/2022	Same as above.
Report #3	1/1/2022 – 3/31/2022	5/1/2022	Same as above.
Report #4	4/1/2022 – 6/30/2022	8/1/2022	Same as above.
Report #5	7/1/2022 – 9/30/2022	11/1/2022	Same as above.
Annual Report	Calendar Years 2022 - 2031	2/1 of the immediately following year	LMI Community Solar Program Annual Report (see below for details)

All written reports submitted after the completion of the Project shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Identification of the Grantee, project name, RFP 2021-004, and updated contact information;
2. Electric energy produced by the Project (i.e., kilowatt-hours generated) during the preceding calendar year;
3. Total number of participants in the LMI Community Solar Program (Program) and breakdown of participants: low-income, moderate-income, other;
4. Number of LMI participating customers receiving direct benefits through the Program;
5. Description and quantification of direct benefits provided to LMI and non-LMI participants through the Program;
6. Quantification of the annual net direct benefits (in dollars) received by each LMI participant;

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7. Explanation of any material variation between the direct benefits projected in the Grantee's proposal and the actual direct benefits provided to participating LMI customers through the Program;
8. Certification of annual income verification conducted for each LMI participating customer, and description of the income verification process;
9. Certification that the number of participating customers equal or exceeded five (5), and that the majority of participating customers were certified and verified to be LMI;
10. Description of any change in ownership of the Project;
11. Description of any changes made to the overall Program model;
12. Description of any changes made to the Group Net Metering Agreement;
13. Description of any participants receiving a payment from the distribution utility, on an annual basis, equal to the amount of the accrued monetary bill credit balance;
14. Description of any impacts to public benefits received by participating LMI customers or any tax implications related to participation by LMI customers in the Program;
15. The number of RECs produced during the preceding calendar year; and
16. The number of RECs sold during the preceding calendar year.

EXHIBIT B

GRANT AMOUNT, TERMS, AND METHODS OF PAYMENT

1. This grant agreement between the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success (Grantee) commences upon approval by the Governor and Executive Council and concludes on December 31, 2022.
2. In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the obligations described in Exhibit A, including the construction and installation of the Project (as defined in Exhibit A), as determined by the State, the State agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$181,000 to the Grantee, or as directed by the Grantee, to the photovoltaic system installer, Revision Energy, Inc., pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in this Exhibit B.
3. Any grant funds under the grant agreement will not be paid unless and until all of the following have occurred by the target dates specified:

Obtain system upgrade cost estimates from utility and report to Commission to ensure project can move forward within budget.	July 31, 2021
Confirmation from the Town of Dunbarton whether the Project qualifies for a solar property tax exemption, and notify the Commission of any impact to participant net benefits.	July 31, 2021
All participants identified, majority LMI participants confirmed, and the total projected load of enrolled participants projected to offset the total generation output of the Project.	July 31, 2021
Execution of group net metering agreement by all necessary action between the Grantee and participating LMI farmer-member residential end-user customers.	October 31, 2021
Confirm net direct benefits to LMI participants, and notify Commission of any changes in projected net direct benefit amounts, prior to commencing construction.	November 30, 2021
Receipt of all federal, state, and local permits, licenses, consents, and approvals required for construction, installation, and operation of the Project.	November 30, 2021

The Grantee shall use reasonable best efforts to achieve the foregoing milestones by the dates set forth in the table above. The Commission may extend any of such specified dates at its sole discretion for good cause shown upon written request by the Grantee.

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4. The Grantee's reimbursement requests shall cover only the costs of materials and equipment delivered to the site of the Project and incorporated into or to be incorporated into the Project and only labor costs directly related to the design, construction and installation of the Project. The Grantee's reimbursement requests shall not include the costs of any deposits or prepayments for equipment or materials ordered or procured for the Project unless and until such equipment and materials are delivered to the Project site and incorporated into the Project, or delivered to the Project site for incorporation into the Project, or used at the Project site for the purpose(s) for which procured.
5. The Grantee shall receive and review final paid invoices evidencing the full costs of design, development, procurement, construction, and installation of the Project from Revision Energy, Inc. and/or its vendors and subcontractors. Following approval by the Grantee of submitted invoices, the Grantee may submit reimbursement requests to the Commission, with full supporting documentation, as obligations described in Exhibit A have been met and subject to the conditions stated in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and further consistent with the grant agreement General Provisions. Reimbursement requests shall be submitted not more frequently than once per month. The amount of \$18,100.00 will be retained until the Project is complete and shall be paid only when each of the following has occurred:
 - (i) the Project has been fully constructed and installed;
 - (ii) the Project has commenced operation;
 - (iii) the Grantee has submitted an application, deemed complete by the Commission, for certification of eligibility of the Project to produce Class II renewable energy certificates (RECs);
 - (iv) the Grantee has submitted an application, approved by the Commission, for Group Net Metering registration; and
 - (v) a site visit has been conducted by a member of the Commission staff, if the Commission deems a site visit necessary.

The State shall not be responsible for any Project expenses incurred that exceed the total grant amount or are not eligible for reimbursement under this Exhibit B.

6. Each reimbursement request shall provide a detailed listing of Project expenses incurred with supporting documentation. The Grantee shall document all Project expenditures for which reimbursement is requested with appropriate back-up documentation, including, but not limited to; receipts, invoices, bills, and other similar documents for all Project vendors, contractors, and subcontractors. At a minimum, receipts must be provided documenting labor cost, equipment cost, material cost, site work, engineering and permitting fees, and capital expenditures, for all vendors, contractors, and subcontractors.
7. Each reimbursement request shall also include an express affirmation by the Grantee that it and the Project remain in full compliance with all terms and conditions of the grant agreement, and either (i) an express affirmation that there have been no material changes in any rights, interests, direct benefits to LMI participants, permits, licenses, or approvals affecting the Project since the most recent status report submitted to the Commission, or (ii) a description in reasonable detail of any such material changes in rights, interests, permits, licenses, or approvals affecting the Project since the most recent status report submitted to the Commission.
8. Reimbursement requests shall be reviewed for compliance with the scope of work set forth in Exhibit A, and the reimbursement terms and conditions of this Exhibit B, and approved or

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rejected by the Director of the Sustainable Energy Division or her designee. Additional documentation may be requested as determined by the State.

9. The State agrees to make payment to the Grantee within 30 days after the approval of reimbursement requests as described in paragraph 8 above and submitted in compliance with this Exhibit B and the grant agreement General Provisions.
10. The Grantee agrees to provide economic data (including, but not limited to, the total jobs created as a result of the development and operation of the Project, to the extent possible) for activity performed during construction and operation of the Project and after completion of the Project.
11. All obligations of the State under the grant agreement, including the continuance of any payments, are contingent on the availability of funds derived from the Renewable Energy Fund established and existing pursuant to RSA 362-E:10.

Grantee Initials: *ML*
Date: *5/26/10*

EXHIBIT C
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

In lieu of the insurance requirements set forth in Paragraph 17.1.2 of the General Provisions, the Commission will accept comprehensive general liability insurance in the following amounts:

\$5,000,000 for each occurrence
\$5,000,000 for general aggregate

COVID-19 Addendum Language per NHDOJ Guidance 5-18-20

The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement was entered into following the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. The Grantee agrees that to the extent the COVID-19 outbreak, or any federal, state or local orders, regulations, rules, restrictions, or emergency declarations relating to COVID-19, disrupt, delay, or otherwise impact the Scope of Services to be performed by the Grantee as set forth in EXHIBIT B of this Agreement, any such disruption, delay, or other impact was foreseeable at the time this Agreement was entered into by the Parties and does not excuse the Grantee's performance under this Agreement. The Grantee agrees that any such impact, including any disruption to supply chains, workforce reductions, delays or interruptions in performance, or other effects on businesses, are not the fault of the State and the Grantee may not seek damages against the State for any such impacts.

If the Grantee experiences or anticipates any such COVID-19-related impacts to this Agreement, the Grantee shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer. In the event of any COVID-19-related impact or anticipated impact to this Agreement, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to temporarily modify, substitute, or decrease the Services, without the approval of the Governor and Executive Council, upon giving written notice to the Grantee. The State's right to modify includes, but is not limited to the right to modify service priorities, including how and when Services are delivered, and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve compliance therewith, provided such modifications are within the Scope of Services and cost limitations of this Agreement. By exercising any of the rights described within this subsection, the State does not waive any of its right under this Agreement.

In the event that a modification by the State under this subsection would result in a reduction of Services that cannot be supplemented during the remaining term of this Agreement with either replacement or substituted services of substantially similar value, the Parties shall submit an amendment to this Agreement with a commensurate reduction in the price. In order to facilitate reconciliation of services performed under this Agreement, the Grantee shall submit weekly reports detailing the following for any service not fully performed pursuant to the terms of the Agreement:

- 1) The services required to be performed under the terms of this Agreement as written;
- 2) The services actually performed;
- 3) Any replacement or substituted services performed with reference to the associated unperformed contracted services.

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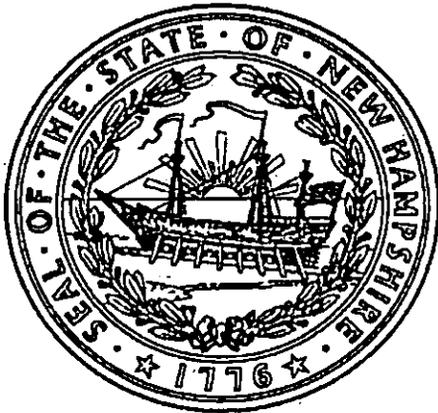
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CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that ORGANIZATION FOR REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SUCCESS is a New Hampshire Nonprofit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on January 30, 2006. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 550993

Certificate Number: 0005357345



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 26th day of April A.D. 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Gardner".

William M. Gardner
Secretary of State

Certificate of Authority # 1

(Corporation of LLC- Non-specific, open-ended)

Corporate Resolution

I, Crispin Milele, hereby certify that I am duly elected Board Chair of
(Name)

the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success. I hereby certify the following is a true copy of a
(Name of Corporation or LLC)

vote taken electronically by the Board of Directors/shareholders, on May 13, 20 21
(Month) *(Day)*, *(Year)*

at which a quorum of the Directors voted. The Board will hold a confirming vote at its next meeting on May 19, 2021.

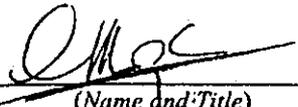
VOTED: That Mukhtar Idhow, Executive Director (may list more than one person) is duly authorized to
(Name and Title)

enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success with
(Name of Corporation or LLC)

the State of New Hampshire and any of its agencies or departments and further is authorized to execute any documents which may in his/her judgment be desirable or necessary to effect the purpose of this vote.

I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of the contract to which this certificate is attached. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person(s) listed above currently occupy the position(s) indicated and that they have full authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are any limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

DATED: May 13, 2021

ATTEST: 
(Name and Title)

Crispin Milele
Chair, Board of Directors

RFP #2021-004

Grants for Community Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Projects Providing Direct Benefits to Low and Moderate Income Residential Electric Customers

SCORING SUMMARY MATRIX

Four proposals were reviewed and scoring was completed by the PUC staff evaluation team. The two highest-scoring proposals were selected for grant awards.

Scoring Criteria & Maximum Points	ORIS	Pine Hill Homeowner's Cooperative	Lakes Region Community Developers	JJR Power/CAP Solar, LLC
Evaluation of the net direct annual benefits to be provided to participating low and moderate income residential electric customers during the first 10 years following initial operation of the PV system; the amount of grant funding requested in relation to the net direct LMI benefits being provided; the percentage of participants who are LMI; inclusion of moderate income participants; and the percentage of energy produced that is effectively allocated to LMI participants. (Max. 50)	49	38	41	28
Cost-effectiveness of project; direct ownership of project; optimal project siting; locational benefits; optimal energy modeling (e.g., Solar Pathfinder) results; labor and equipment warranties; inverter replacement warranty or plan; community solar PV project development team experience. (Max. 20)	19	19	16	15
Proposal of a realistic and achievable project with a clear definition of project ownership and team members; secured project site control; identified community solar participants (LMI and non-LMI); a well-defined and feasible project timeline; project personnel demonstrating low moderate income participant experience; all necessary permits obtained or applied for; and financing, funding, and/or investment commitments obtained, if applicable. (Max. 15)	15	14	12	11

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Scoring Criteria & Maximum Points	ORIS	Pine Hill Homeowner's Cooperative	Lakes Region Community Developers	JJR Power/CAP Solar, LLC
Proposal presents a clear and detailed approach to initial identification, income verification, recruitment, enrollment, and replacement when necessary of LMI participants; methods of effective long-term project management and administration; minimal administrative and financial impacts on utility and Commission; minimal potential impacts on public benefits program eligibility of LMI customers; and plans for effective LMI participant education, engagement, and outreach. (Max. 15)	14	15	12	7
TOTAL SCORE	97	86	81	61