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May 21, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) to award a grant to Soda Brook Cooperative Inc. (Soda Brook), Northfield, NH, Vendor #159280, in the amount of \$389,076 to install and operate a roof-mount solar system that will benefit low and moderate income (LMI) residents of Soda Brook located in Northfield, NH, effective upon Governor and Council approval through May 31, 2027. **100% Other (Renewable Energy Fund).**

Funding is available in the Renewable Energy Fund account as follows:

	<u>FY2025</u>
02-52-52-520510-18900000-073-500579 – Grants Non-Federal	\$389,076

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to RSA 362-F:10, the Department is charged with administering the Renewable Energy Fund (REF), the purpose of which is to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives. On October 28, 2024, the Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), #2024-015, pursuant to RSA 362-F:10, X. That statute requires the Department to provide no less than 15 percent of the REF 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 Department received six proposals requesting a total of \$1.68 million in funds in response to the RFP. Soda Brook and three other proposals have been selected to receive a total of \$1,005,928 in this funding round. Additional information on the grant review and award process is provided along with a summary of all grant awards.

With these funds, Soda Brook will work with a developer to design and build a ground-mount solar installation. Soda Brook’s program model is structured to maximize direct benefits to the LMI

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residents living in this resident owned manufactured housing community. Soda Brook will own the panels, and participating residents will receive direct benefits as an annual lot rent credit. Direct ownership will provide additional benefits to Soda Brook, including renewable energy certificate ownership and maximum compensation for energy produced. Attachment 1, Project and Program Overview, provides a description of the project and summarizes the direct net benefits provided to LMI residential customers.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner

Attachment 1

Soda Brook Cooperative Inc. Project and Program Overview

The Soda Brook Cooperative Inc. (Soda Brook) program model is structured to maximize direct benefits to low-moderate income (LMI) residents residing in the resident owned manufactured housing community (Community). The project is designed to install a group net metered ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV). The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) grant award provides the financing necessary to enable the project to move forward and provides long term benefits to Soda Brook residents.

The Soda Brook project consists of a ground-mounted solar array, which will result in the 27 lots in the Community benefiting from the energy generated from the PV array. An estimated 70%-80% of the households in the Community are low-income. There is an expected 20%-30% participation from non-LMI households.

Under this program, the LMI residents will receive benefits in the form of an annual lot rent credit. This lot rent credit will be distributed to participating residents from monthly net metering payments received from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. The Soda Brook community center will be an additional participant receiving an equal allocation as the participating households to offset communal electrical expenses. This will provide the LMI residents with improved quality of life and will not impact their eligibility for other assistance programs.

Direct LMI Benefits:

Number of Participants:	27 Households
Annual Estimated Benefit per LMI Residents:	\$230
Total Projected Annual Benefit to LMI Residents:	\$6,200

Project Technical Specifications:

Nameplate Rating: 110 kW_{DC} (74.1 kW_{AC}) Roof Mounted PV System
Projected Energy Generation: approximately 123,500 kilowatt-hours per year

Funding Analysis:

Grant Amount:	\$389,076
Total Project Cost:	\$399,076
Cost per watt:	\$3.63

Other Benefits:

- System life expectancy of 30 years; 5-year labor warranty; one inverter replacement
- System estimated to generate 123 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

RFP #2024-015 – Grants for Community Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Projects Providing Direct Benefits to Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Residential Electric Customers					Date of Review: 1/29/25	
Scoring Team Members: Emily Tomasi, Renewable Energy Fund Program Specialist; Megan Stone, Legislative Liaison; Robyn Sarette, Consumer Services and Assistance Programs Director; Lucia Roth, Solar for All Program Manager; Christopher Collins, Solar for All Program Specialist.						
Bidder:	Community Action Partnership of Strafford County	Dover Housing Authority	Granite Advancement Project	One Sky Services	Portsmouth Housing Authority	Soda Brook Cooperative
Net Direct Benefits to LMI Participants: Proposals are assigned a ranked score based on Net Direct Benefit to LMI participants over 10 years. Additional point values assigned for inclusion of percentage of participants that qualify as LMI, moderate income participant inclusion, and the percentage of energy going to LMI participants (Maximum Point Score: 50)	36	44	42	38	40	43
Technical Project Specifications: Proposal is cost effective, optimal project siting is determined, locational benefits, optimal energy modeling, and project development team experience. Points were also awarded for labor and equipment warranty and inverter replacement plan inclusion. (Maximum Point Score: 20)	13	13	2	15	17	11
Project Feasibility and Readiness: Project site control secured, and project ownership is clearly explained. All necessary permits have been obtained, applied for, or identified. Applicant and team members have low-income client experience. Project timelines were evaluated on if they were realistically achievable. Proposals received points for performing a solar site survey. Participants identified (LMI and non LMI). (Maximum Point Score: 15)	14	14	4	12	15	14
Project Administration and Management: Information about initial program recruitment efforts included plan for engagement and education, recognizes the potential impacts on other public benefit programs, has a long term management system plan, and is aware of PUC & Utility Administration impacts. (Maximum Point Score: 15)	11	11	0	7	12	10
Total Score	74	82	48	72	84	78
Amount Requested	\$235,056	\$197,324	\$350,000	\$322,569	\$184,472	\$389,076

GRANT AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby
Mutually agree as follows:
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Identification and Definitions.

1.1. State Agency Name Department of Energy		1.2. State Agency Address 21 S. Fruit St., Ste. 10, Concord, NH 03301	
1.3. Grantee Name Soda Brook Cooperative Inc.		1.4. Grantee Address 39 Twin Bridge Road, Northfield, NH 03276	
1.5. Grantee Phone # 603-366-6140	1.6. Account Number 18900000-073-500579	1.7. Completion Date May 31, 2027	1.8. Grant Limitation \$389,076
1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency Joshua Elliott		1.10. State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-6003	
If Grantee is a municipality or village district: "By signing this form we certify that we have complied with any public meeting requirement for acceptance of this grant, including if applicable RSA 31:95-b."			
1.11. Grantee Signature 1 <i>Alice M. Smith</i>		1.12. Name & Title of Grantee Signor 1 Alice M. Smith, President	
Grantee Signature 2 <i>Wendy Cheney</i>		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 2 Wendy Cheney, Treasurer	
Grantee Signature 3		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 3	
1.13. State Agency Signature(s) <i>Jared S. Chicoine</i>		1.14. Name & Title of State Agency Signor(s) Jared S Chicoine, Commissioner	
1.15. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G & C approval required) By: <i>[Signature]</i> Assistant Attorney General, On: 05/01/2025			
1.16. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable) By: _____ 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 B (the scope of work being hereinafter referred to as "the Project").

3. **AREA COVERED.** Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Grantee shall perform the Project in, and with respect to, the State of New Hampshire.
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPLETION OF PROJECT.**
- 4.1 This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire if required (block 1.16), or upon signature by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("the Effective Date").
- 4.2 Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.7 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").
5. **GRANT AMOUNT; LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; VOUCHERS; PAYMENT.**
- 5.1 The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C, attached hereto.
- 5.2 The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT C.
- 5.3 In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT C, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 5.5 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 under this subparagraph 5.3 those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.
6. **COMPLIANCE BY GRANTEE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** In connection with the performance of the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all statutes, laws regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligations or duty upon the Grantee, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits and RSA 31-95-b.
7. **RECORDS and ACCOUNTS.**
- 7.1 Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency, 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, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency pursuant to subparagraph 7.1, 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 provisions.
8. **PERSONNEL.**
- 8.1 The Grantee shall, at its own expense, 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 has a contractual relationship with the State, or 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, formulas, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, paper, 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.
- 9.4 On and after the Effective Date all data, and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, whichever shall first occur.
- 9.5 The State, and anyone it shall designate, shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, all data.
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 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 officer, member of 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 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 officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen'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. None of the Project Work shall be subcontracted or subgranted by the Grantee other than as set forth in Exhibit B 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 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 subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Grantee. 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.**
 - 17.1 The Grantee shall, at its own 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 workers' compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and
 - 17.1.2 General liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate 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. Grantee shall furnish to the State, certificates of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy.
 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 of 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, if required or by the signing State Agency.
 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.
 24. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** The additional or modifying provisions set forth in Exhibit A hereto are incorporated as part of this agreement.

EXHIBIT A
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Prohibition on Boycotting Israel

For the purposes of this Section, the terms shall be defined as follows:

“Boycotting Israel” means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other similar commercial actions intended to limit commercial relations with persons doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories when the actions are taken (1) in compliance with or adherence to calls for a boycott of Israel other than those boycotts to which Pub. L. No. 96- 78, § 8, 93 Stat. 522 (1979) applies; or (2) in a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin, or religion that is not based on a legitimate business reason.

If the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) receives evidence that the Contractor is Boycotting Israel, the State shall determine whether the Contractor is Boycotting Israel. A statement indicating that the Contractor engaged in an action of Boycotting Israel or has taken any action of Boycotting Israel at the request, in compliance with, or in furtherance of calls to boycott Israel, may be considered as one type of evidence that the Contractor is, or has been, participating in act of Boycotting Israel. An expressive activity, alone, directed at a specific person or a governmental action may not be considered evidence of an action of Boycotting Israel.

A determination by the Department that the Contractor is engaged in an action of Boycotting Israel constitutes an Event of Default.

2. The Grantee, Soda Brook Cooperative, is not an “employer” required to obtain worker’s compensation and employees liability insurance because it is a cooperative with no employees.

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF WORK

In exchange for receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$389,076 from the Department, Soda Brook Cooperative Inc. (Grantee) agrees to build and interconnect no smaller than a 110 kW (DC)/74.1 kW (AC) ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array located at the Soda Brook Cooperative Inc. Resident Owned Community (Community) located on Twin Bridges Road in Northfield, New Hampshire. Specifically, the Grantee agrees to:

1. Cause to be installed and operated a ground-mounted solar PV system, including, but not limited to, coordinating and overseeing the design, development, procurement, construction, installation, and interconnection of no smaller than a 110 kW (DC)/74.1 kW (AC) ground-mounted solar PV system (Project). The Department in its sole discretion may approve functionally equivalent substitutions for any equipment, materials, methods, or means associated with said described Project work above. 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, and a minimum of five years' labor warranty shall be applicable.
2. Maintain all components of the Project as recommended by its manufacturer and/or engineering specifications.
3. Uphold the commitment to provide annual lot rent credits benefitting the Community, the majority of which are low-moderate income (LMI) customers for the full useful life of the Project.
4. Projects must provide direct benefits to LMI residents from the date of initial operation through the earlier to occur of (i) 20 years, or (ii) the end of the project's useful operational life.
5. Inform the Department promptly, in writing, of any change in direct benefit(s) to participating residents for the duration of the useful life of the Project.
6. Uphold the commitment to ensure that there will be no costs to the LMI participants and continue to ensure that receipt of lot rent credits does not impact LMI participants eligibility to benefit from other state financial assistance programs.
7. Manage the LMI community solar program as described in the "Deliverables" section below.
8. Provide the Department with reports and status updates as specified in the "Deliverables" section below.

9. Submit a complete New Hampshire Class II Renewable Energy Source Eligibility application to the Department for the certification of the output of the Project to produce New Hampshire Class II renewable energy certificates (RECs).
10. 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.
11. 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.

DELIVERABLES

The Grantee agrees to prepare and submit written progress reports to the Department, in a form and manner prescribed by the Department, 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 Department request following Project completion. The written progress reports shall meet the following specifications:

Report Type	Reporting Period	Due Date	Scope of Report
Report #1	7/1/2025 – 9/30/2025	11/1/2025	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	10/1/2025 - 12/31/2025	2/1/2026	Same as above.
Report #3	1/1/2026 – 3/31/2026	5/1/2026	Same as above.
Report #4	4/1/2026 – 6/30/2026	8/1/2026	Same as above.
Report #5	7/1/2026 – 9/30/2026	11/1/2026	Same as above.
Report #6	10/1/2026 - 12/31/2026	2/1/2027	Same as above.
Report #7	1/1/2027 – 3/31/2027	5/1/2027	Same as above.
Annual Report	Calendar Years 2026 - 2035	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 2024-015, 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 facility improvements implemented throughout the year that provide direct benefits to LMI participants through the Program;
6. Quantification of the annual net direct benefits (in dollars) received by each LMI participant;
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 equaled or exceeded five, 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 impacts to public benefits received by participating LMI customers, any tax implications, or any rental cost increases related to participation by LMI customers in the Program;
14. The number of RECs produced during the preceding calendar year; and
15. The number of RECs sold during the preceding calendar year.

EXHIBIT C

GRANT AMOUNT, TERMS AND METHODS OF PAYMENT

1. This grant agreement commences upon approval by the New Hampshire Governor and Executive Council (Governor and Executive Council) and concludes on May 31, 2027.
2. In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the obligations described in Exhibit B including the construction and installation of the Project and the agreement of Soda Brook Cooperative Inc. (Grantee) to perform certain obligations after May 31, 2027 (as detailed in Exhibit B), the State agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$389,076 to Grantee pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in this Exhibit C.
3. Grantee shall not be paid any grant funds under the grant agreement unless and until all of the following have occurred by the target dates specified:

Collect current income surveys from Soda Brook Cooperative Inc. residents; confirm to the Department that low-moderate income participants will comprise the majority of group members.	August 31, 2025
Obtain system upgrade cost estimates from utility and report to Department to ensure project can move forward within budget. Confirm to Department that funding obtained to cover upgrade costs.	September 30, 2025
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.	October 31, 2025
Execution of group net metering agreement by all necessary action between the Grantee and participating cooperative residents.	November 30, 2025
Confirm net direct benefits to LMI participants, and notify Department of any changes in projected net direct benefit amounts, prior to commencing construction.	November 30, 2025
Receipt of all federal, state, and local permits, licenses, consents, and approvals required for construction, and installation of the project.	December 31, 2025

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

4. Grantee's reimbursement requests shall cover only the costs of materials and equipment delivered to the project site 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. 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. Costs incurred prior to final grant agreement approval by the Governor and Executive Council are not eligible for reimbursement.

5. Grantee may submit reimbursement requests to the Department, with full supporting documentation, as obligations described in Exhibit B 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 \$38,907 will be retained until the project is complete and shall be paid to Grantee only when each of the following has occurred:
- (i) the project has been fully constructed and installed,
 - (ii) the project has commenced operation,
 - (iii) Grantee has submitted an application, deemed complete by the Department, for certification of eligibility of the project to produce Class II renewable energy certificates (RECs),
 - (iv) Grantee has submitted an application deemed complete by the Department for Group Net Metering registration; and
 - (v) a site visit has been conducted by a member of the Department staff, if the Department deems a site visit necessary.

Grantee shall be responsible for any project expenses incurred that exceed the total grant amount or are not eligible for reimbursement under this Exhibit C.

6. Each reimbursement request shall provide a detailed listing of project expenses incurred with supporting documentation. 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. This includes expenses incurred by subcontractors employed on construction projects funded through the grant. 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 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 Department, 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 Department.
8. Reimbursement requests shall be reviewed for compliance with the scope of work set forth in Exhibit B, and the reimbursement terms and conditions of this Exhibit C, and

approved by the Director of Policy and Programs or his designee. Additional documentation may be requested as determined by the Department.

9. Grantee agrees to provide economic data, including but not limited to job creation data to the extent possible, for activity performed during construction and operation of the project and after completion of the project.
10. The Department agrees to make payment to Grantee within 30 days after the approval of reimbursement requests as described in paragraph 8 above and submitted in compliance with this Exhibit C and the grant agreement General Provisions.
11. All obligations of the Department 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-F:10.

State of New Hampshire

Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that SODA BROOK COOPERATIVE, INC. is a New Hampshire Consumer Cooperative registered to transact business in New Hampshire on February 13, 2001. 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: 370184

Certificate Number: 0007130650



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 28th day of March A.D. 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan

Secretary of State

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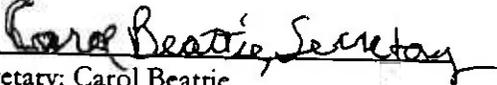
**Soda Brook Cooperative, Inc.
Certificate of Vote and Authority**

I hereby certify that on April 9, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Soda Brook Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") passed a unanimous resolution (the "Resolution") by an Action without Meeting, in accordance with sections 6.3B, 8.6A and 10.1 of the Cooperative's By-Laws, authorizing any two members of the Cooperative's Board of Directors to execute contracts for grant funding with the State of New Hampshire in the name of and on behalf of the Cooperative, as authorized by the members, and the execution of any such contract or obligation in the Cooperative's name on its behalf by those authorized individuals shall be valid and binding on the Cooperative.

I further certify that that Resolution was passed under the authority given to the Board of Directors by the Cooperative's members pursuant to a majority vote of the members at a properly called membership meeting held on December 15, 2024, pursuant to sections 5.1 and 6.3C of the Cooperative's By-Laws. At that meeting, the Cooperative's members voted to proceed with the community solar project and to authorize the Cooperative's Board of Directors to select a solar contractor, submit a grant application with the State of New Hampshire, and if the grant funding is awarded to enter into all agreements and take all steps necessary to implement the Soda Brook community solar project, and appointed the Cooperative's President, Treasurer, and Secretary as signatories.

I further certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Cooperative, that Alice M. Smith is the duly elected President of the Cooperative, and that Wendy Cheney is the duly elected Treasurer of the Cooperative. Neither the vote of the Board of Directors nor the vote of the Cooperative's members, as referenced above, has been amended, modified, revoked, or rescinded, and both such votes remain in full force and effect as of the date of this certification.

Date: April 9, 2025


Secretary: Carol Beattie



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
03/28/2025

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PRODUCER Melcher & Prescott Insurance 426 Main Street Laconia NH 03246		CONTACT NAME: Cortney Jacques PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (603) 524-4535 FAX (A/C, No): E-MAIL ADDRESS: cjacques@melcher-prescott.com	
INSURED Soda Brook Coop Inc 520 Shaker Rd Ofc 8 Northfield NH 03276-4465		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Cincinnati Insurance Co INSURER B: INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:	

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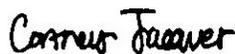
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	DED						RETENTION \$	\$	
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	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	\$	
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	\$	
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$	

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

Department of Energy 21 S. Fruit St., Ste 10 Concord NH 03301	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 
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