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Solar for Good Program Helps Fund 13 Solar Energy Projects for Wisconsin Nonprofits

RENEW Wisconsin's *Solar for Good* program will issue nearly \$140,000 worth of solar panels to Wisconsin nonprofits as part of their fall 2019 funding cycle. These grants will go to 13 organizations across the state that together will install nearly 600 kilowatts of clean, renewable electricity. When completed, these solar projects will lead to over \$1.2 million of solar investment in Wisconsin.

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

CAP Services, poverty alleviation, Stevens Point.
Camp Amnicon, outdoor retreat and spiritual worship, South Range.
Menikānaehkem, Native American educational organization, Gresham.
Habitat for Humanity - La Crosse Area, affordable housing provider, La Crosse.
Jackson County Animal Shelter, safe haven for stray animals, Black River Falls.
Heartland Housing, affordable housing provider, Madison.
First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, house of worship, Milwaukee.
Boys & Girls Club of Greater La Crosse, youth education, La Crosse.
Bethel Lutheran Church, house of worship, Madison.
Movin' Out, alternative housing provider, Madison.
Zwingli United Church of Christ, house of worship, Verona.
Kathy's House, alternative housing provider, Wauwatosa.

One organization has asked to remain anonymous at this time.

This round of *Solar for Good* funding features a diverse group of awardees from across

Wisconsin. The Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse will use their solar installation to help educate members on renewable electricity and energy efficiency for their recently-renovated facility. Over 200 solar panels will be installed at Kathy's House, a hospital guest-house in Wauwatosa. And the Indigenous-led organization Menīkānaehkem, will install solar to power several tiny homes being constructed on the Menominee Indian Reservation to house the community's homeless population.

"We decided to go solar to reduce our energy bills and to focus more of our resources on programming," said Guy Reiter of Menīkānaehkem. "We plan to use the array as a training center for community members interested in pursuing a career in solar. Thanks to the *Solar for Good* grant, we are moving closer to our goal of making the Menominee community energy-sovereign as a way to create jobs, restore hope, reduce carbon pollution, and mitigate climate change."

This marks *Solar for Good's* 5th funding cycle and the second-largest to date. Including the fall 2019 funding cycle, the program's impact will total 74 Wisconsin nonprofits installing 88 new solar arrays throughout the state. The program will add 3.25 megawatts of clean, renewable power to Wisconsin's electric mix, enough to power approximately 650 homes. In total, these 88 solar arrays will spur over \$7 million in investments in renewable electricity.

About Solar for Good

RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good initiative fosters the expansion of solar power among mission-based nonprofits and houses of worship in Wisconsin. Through a generous partnership with Couillard Solar Foundation, RENEW Wisconsin awards solar panels to nonprofit organizations, helping them switch to clean, renewable, solar energy.

About RENEW Wisconsin

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