



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date February 11, 2008

To CM Scott Benson, Chair, Health, Energy & Environment Committee

Subject Resolution authorizing grant agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Recommendation Approval of resolution

Previous Directives

Prepared by: Daniel Huff, Supervisor, Environmental Services, Department of Regulatory Services

Approved by: _____
Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator of Regulatory Services and Emergency Preparedness

Presenters in Committee: Daniel Huff

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable _____

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable _____

Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department of Regulatory Services submitted a preliminary grant application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Fiscal Year 2009 Environmental Assistance

Grant Program. This preliminary grant application requested \$40,000 from the MPCA to install a 5 kW solar charging station for plug-in electric and plug-in hybrid City vehicles. The Department of Regulatory Services has committed \$13,333 in match to the project and is coordinating with the Department of Public Works Property Services Division in planning the project. The MPCA has accepted this preliminary application and has now invited the City to submit a full grant application. The MPCA requires a board resolution from grant applicants agreeing to accept and implement the grant if it is awarded.



One of the City's all-electric plug-in vehicles being used by a Business License Inspector. The Department of Regulatory Services operates two all-electric vehicles. If the City's grant proposal is successful, these vehicles will be powered by solar photovoltaic cells providing 100% emissions-free transportation.

If funded, the state will provide 75% of the cost for installing a 5 kW photovoltaic array to power electric car plug-in stations. Once installed, solar energy will power these cars at no charge. Pictured is the 4.2 kW photovoltaic array installed on Currie Maintenance Facility in 2006.



**Resolution Authorizing Entering Into A
Grant Agreement With The
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
FY 2009 Grant Round**

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis has applied for a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under its Environmental Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the grant application, if MPCA funding is received; and

WHEREAS, MPCA requires that the City of Minneapolis enter into a grant agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms and conditions of the funding award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA that the City of Minneapolis hereby agrees to enter into and sign a grant agreement with the MPCA to carry out the project specified therein and to comply with all of the terms, conditions and matching provisions of the grant agreement and authorizes and directs the Assistant City Coordinator for Emergency Preparedness and Regulatory Services to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

PASSED ADOPTED THIS 20th Day OF FEBRUARY, 2009.