

SUBMITTED BY: Daritza Villalobos, Grants Coordinator

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager/Luis Pedroza, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer

FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

**ORGANIZATIONAL
IMPROVEMENTS:**

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 23-1567**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the intent to grant a **UTILITY EASEMENT** to **ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE (APS)** for the construction of future **SOLAR PANEL PARKING STRUCTURES** at two city-owned sites through the Solar Communities program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas applied to the APS Solar Communities Program in May 2022. This program was developed to ensure the availability of solar to limited and moderate-income customer. The APS Solar Communities program is open to customers that serve limited-income populations including Title I schools, nonprofits, and rural governments.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Douglas is committed to increasing the quality of life for its residents. The APS Solar Communities program is a sustainable initiative that will generate solar power for the sites selected are the Douglas Municipal Golf Course (Parcel Number 41008001), and City Hall (Parcel Number 40907072, 40907081).

APS will install steel, covered parking structures with solar panels on top to produce power that will be fed back to the APS power grid. APS will own, maintain and operate the system for the 20-year terms. During the 20-year term, APS will provide a monthly bill credit to the customer of record's electric bill, at the designated site, equal to \$2.50/ACkW (system size). The agreement needs to be executed by both the customer of record and property owner (if different than customer of record). Prior to construction, APS will need the owner of the land and/or property to sign an easement for access of the solar installation.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

Fiscal Year: 2023/2024

Amount Requested:

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 23-1567.”