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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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AGENDA ITEM #: F. 5.

MEETING DATE: 05/23/2022

FINAL ACTION: RESO 2022-28

TO: *City Council*

FROM: *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

PROJECT TEAM: *Keith Hormann, L&P Director*
Eddie Littlefield, L&P Power Services Manager

MEETING DATE: *May 23, 2022*

SUBJECT TITLE: *Oregon Department of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Application Approval*

ACTION REQUESTED:

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X all that apply

ISSUE STATEMENT: The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is accepting applications from federally recognized Native American Tribes, a public body, or a consumer-owned utility for funding towards applicable community renewable energy projects. The application must be approved by the governing body through a resolution. The City of Forest Grove Light & Power (FGL&P) is requesting participation in the application process through approval of the attached resolution to apply for the maximum allowable amount up to \$1,000,000.

BACKGROUND: ODOE has \$12,000,000 available in grant funds for four types of Community Renewable Energy projects. FGL&P would like to apply for one of the funding opportunities that are applicable to our proposed community solar project. This grant application is in conjunction with the grant FGL&P has requested through the Federal Congressional Spending (earmark) process. The two grants could complement each other if the City were to be awarded funding from both opportunities. As noted in the ODOE application criteria, a consumer-owned utility must receive approval to apply from its governing body.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is a 50% match requirement which can be offset by matching federal grant funding. If successful, there will be some maintenance through the life of the solar panels but is not expected to require additional staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council approve the resolution authorizing FGL&P to apply for an ODOE grant.

Attachments:

- ODOE grant guidelines and flyers describing the program
- Resolution approving FGL&P to apply for ODOE grant