



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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DATE: September 11, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM
TITLE:** Washington Department of Enterprise Services
Energy Services Authorization/Agreement

SUMMARY

The City submitted a Community Decarbonization Grant (CDG) Application earlier this year and was awarded grant funds for a solar array project in June of 2024. A presentation on the project and contracting delivery method(s) was given to City Council on July 10, 2024 and additional information was provided at the July 24th, August 14th, and August 28th meetings by staff and Ameresco (Energy Savings Company) contractor on the project. Council showed interest in the project, but required further time to consider several questions. Detailed information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the project can be found on the City Website at:

<https://www.cityofmccleary.com/buildingplanning/page/mccleary-solar-array-project>.

The next step in the process of developing the project is to complete an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) and generate an Energy Services Proposal (ESP). The IGA is completed to determine cost savings through independent power generation (solar), and the ESP will refine costs for delivery of the project and includes development of 30% project design. In addition to moving forward with the IGA/ESP, Ameresco is also offering to provide a 25-year maintenance agreement as part of the proposed project.

Administration of the IGA and ESP is overseen through direct contracting with the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services. State funding authorization forms for the IGA and ESP are attached for consideration. Concurrent with the IGA and ESP creation will be the drafting of an Agreement with the State Department of Commerce to secure the grant funding for the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost to complete the IGA and ESP is \$47,978.00, and is 100% reimbursable through the Department of Commerce CDG Agreement upon execution. The initial cost of the IGA and ESP will be borne by the City and paid for from the Light and Power fund 401.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve signing of the Agreement with the Department of Enterprise Services.