



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 08/29/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
HARRIS COUNTY'S SOLAR FOR ALL GRANT APPLICATION**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Resolution of Intent to participate in Harris County's Solar for All grant application.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) released the Solar for All program Request for Applications (RFA) competitive grant program on June 28, 2023. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund was created by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and \$7 billion was allocated to the Solar for All program. Notice of Intent (NOI) deadline for counties is August 14, 2023. The grant closes on September 26, 2023.

The Solar for All program is "designed to spur the deployment of residential distributed solar energy to lower energy bills for millions of Americans and catalyze transformation in markets serving low-income and disadvantaged communities" (NOFO, 5). The grant competition is covered under the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative which has a goal of providing 40% of federal investment in climate, clean energy, and other areas to disadvantaged communities.

The Harris County led grant application has designated regional partners through whom the program will flow. Dallas County is the North Texas regional partner. Tarrant County and our local government and nonprofit partners will work with Dallas County, if the grant is awarded, to fund and implement Solar for All eligible programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact anticipated with approval of the resolution.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Russell Schaffner
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