

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: June 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Sunshot Solar Initiative

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department

PREPARED BY: Ruth Mayday, Planner; Kimberly Moon, Capital Improvements Coordinator

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In 2011, the federal government issued a Funding Opportunity Announcement for the Sunshot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge Grant. The purpose of the program was to resolve policy issues that currently exist in increasing the installation of rooftop photovoltaic panels as a source of renewable energy for residential and commercial users.

Because the minimum population threshold was 500,000 persons, the State of Arizona coordinated one (1) grant for participating municipalities and other political subdivisions across the state. The Governor's Office of Energy Policy (GOEP) will be taking the lead in applying for Phase II as well; a supporting Letter of Intent has been submitted. Additionally, the GOEP has indicated that they would like Prescott Valley to continue to coordinate efforts in the Quad-city area.

This is a two-phase grant program. The purpose of Phase I was to address issues with permitting and interconnection processes, net metering and interconnection standards, financing options, and planning and zoning issues. This phase is now complete and the findings have been rolled into the application for Phase II.

Phase II will encourage the implementation of standardized permitting processes across the state. The application proposes that IK Consultants work with participants in implementing an online permitting process. The Town of Prescott Valley has a long standing relationship with IK Consulting and anticipates that the Town will receive benefits in excess of the 10% in-in kind contribution of staff time, which is anticipated to be \$6-8,000.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Informational Only

ACTION OPTION: Work/Study; no action necessary

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends continued participation in this program

FISCAL ANALYSIS: Staff time equivalent to \$6-8,000 as in-kind contribution.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____