

Low-Income Solar Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday September 14th, 2021

Review Action Items

Agenda

- Discuss initial fundraising budget and proposal
 - o Reviewed Vote Solar's suggestions and comments
 - DTE to clean up document by EOB 9/17; Cherish/Guidehouse to further review by 9/28
 - o Council agreed to review again 9/28
- Review Low-Income Customer Subscription Model
 - o Council agreed to explore a subscription model where contributors fund "up-front" subscriptions to renewable energy (i.e., \$10,000 would subscribe one customer for 25 years)
 - Julie to coordinate meeting with Consumers during the next council meeting to better understand the current model for their Sunrise program
- Brainstorming session on organizations to approach for funding
 - o Discussed first approaching certain funders and potential partners to gauge interest and introduce pilot concepts (initial funding and future project funding needs)
 - o When/if interest is identified, council or individual members can move forward with sharing the proposal
 - o Council discussed the importance to document interest for both seed funding and long-term funding

Closing Remarks/Next Steps

- Council agreed to continue to think through the process for selecting low-income community representatives; will discuss further at the next council meeting
- Council agreed to think about organizations that are well connected at the community level that could support the selection process; will discuss further at the next council meeting