



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 1/21/2020

New Business

Department: Sustainability

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Subject: Solar RFP

Brief Summary:

At the January 7th BOC Pre-meeting, the Sustainability Office presented to Commissioners an update to the Energy Innovation Task Force (EITF). The EITF is requesting to move forward with a new structure and new goals under the name "Blue Horizons Project Community Council." Attached is a resolution for creating the Blue Horizons Project Community Council.

For the past three years, the City and County have funded the EITF's programs, which include marketing and community engagement, low income weatherization, energy efficiency, and demand side management. These programs have been contracted with a non-profit, since the EITF members are a volunteer board. With the change in structure request from the EITF, staff recommends releasing an RFP for the services that the EITF has provided in the past. The RFP will provide transparency in the process, provide accurate cost estimates, and clarify the role of the service provider. The first step in releasing an RFP is to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City, so that the County can manage the RFP process on the City's behalf. Attached is a copy of the Interlocal Agreement.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approval of the Resolution and the Interlocal agreement.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented.