

ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09

RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND SOLAR FOR ALL GRANT

WHEREAS, the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is a public corporation of the State of Alaska governed by a board of directors with the mission to “reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.” AEA is the State’s energy office and lead agency for statewide energy policy and program development; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statutes 44.83.080 authorizes the Alaska Energy Authority to accept grants and enter into contracts regarding them “for the construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of all or any part of a power project or bulk fuel, waste energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, or alternative energy facilities or equipment,” and “to make grants or loans to any person and enter into contracts or other transactions regarding the grants”; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Energy Authority, in partnership with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, submitted an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for their Solar for All grant program (Funding Opportunity Announcement EPA-R-HQ-SFA-23-01); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the submitted application, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notified the Alaska Energy Authority, as the main applicant, that its Solar for All application has been selected to receive \$62,450,000 in federal grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the 33rd Alaska State Legislature and Governor of the State of Alaska gave Alaska Energy Authority \$20,000,000 in federal receipt authority for the Solar for All grant in the fiscal year 2025 budget with authorization for the balance of the grant anticipated in future years; and

WHEREAS, the grant application proposes providing funds for residential-serving community solar, rooftop residential solar, solar technical assistance, workforce development, and outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, AEA, as the State's energy office, should continue seeking funds in furtherance of its mission of reducing the cost of energy in Alaska including by introducing renewable electric generation for Alaska's communities and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the State has already invested millions of dollars in renewable energy projects throughout Alaska through the Renewable Energy Fund to reduce the cost of energy, and hundreds of millions in renewable energy projects still can be completed to provide reliable and stabilized electric service; and


WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency endorses AEA's Solar for All application and commits to providing this once in a generation funding for solar projects throughout Alaska to benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The Board authorizes Alaska Energy Authority, as applicant, in collaboration with the Alaska Housing Finance Committee, to accept the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Solar for All funding.
- 2) The Executive Director of the Authority is authorized to execute and manage the Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Solar for All grant on behalf of the Authority to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- 3) The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this resolution in the name of and on behalf of the Authority.
- 4) This Resolution takes effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

DATED in Anchorage, Alaska, this 10th day of September 2024.

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Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary




Chair