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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: Village Power Finance

STATE: CA

PROJECT TITLE: Community Crowd Funded Solar Development

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0000923 Procurement Instrument Number DE-EE0006700 NEPA Control Number GFO-0006700-001 CID Number

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to Village Power Finance to build a web platform, together with a mobile app, that would facilitate crowd-funding of solar projects for non-profit, tax-exempt organizations.

The proposed project activities would consist of developing a website and mobile app. The proposed project would use no physical materials beyond basic office supplies and software.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed project would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination" and A11 "Technical advice and assistance to organizations" and is therefore categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

Review completed by Logan Sholar on 08/26/14.

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 8/27/2014

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Field Office Manager

Information gathering including, but not limited to, literature surveys, interviews, site visits, and audits; data analysis including, but not limited to, computer modeling, document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies) and emission/biomass/landfilling, but not limited to, document preparation (including, but not limited to, environmental impact) and information systems; but not including site characterization or environmental modeling (See also 101 of appendix B in the manual.)

Technical advice and training assistance to institutional, national, state, and local organizations

As information gathering, analysis, and dissemination

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations

Requests for determination

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to Village Power Finance to build a web-based system together with a mobile app that would enable crowd-funding of solar projects for non-profit, tax-exempt organizations

The proposed project activities would consist of developing a website and mobile app. The proposed project would use no physical materials beyond basic office supplies and software.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed project would not have a significant impact on sensitive areas or resources under human health and environment. DOE has determined that the project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusions A6 Information-gathering, analysis, and dissemination, and A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations, and is therefore categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this event.

Insert the following language in the event:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objectives of your project, you are required to contact the Project Office if notified in Block II of the Notice of Federal Action. Avoid further processing. You must receive explicit notification of approval from the IJK. (Outstanding DOE orders are continuing with effect because this category is approved.)

View as positive.

Review completed by Logan Shost on 08/28/14

This NEPA Determination does not require a signed NEPA provision.

SHOULD BE OF THIS NATURE AND BE CONSIDERED A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____
 Date: 8/27/2014