RESOLUTION # _____ **TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**	**ITEM # _____** **BOARD ACTION** **Adopted:_____** **For:_____** **Against: _____** **Abstain: _____** **Abs/Excd:_____** **Vote Req: _____** **Other Action:_____**	**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION** **Adopted: ✓** **For: 5** **Against: 0** **Abstain: 0** **Abs/Excd: 0**

RE: AUTHORIZATION ACCEPTING $100,000 ENERGY INNOVATION GRANT

WHEREAS, in April of 2024, Governor Evers announced the award of Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) Energy Innovation Grants to 28 projects that will expand access to clean energy and invest in the adoption of innovative technologies and processes; and

WHEREAS. the purpose of Energy Innovation Grant projects is to increase the deployment of renewable energy and energy storage; to award projects that support energy efficiency and demand response; and to award projects that facilitate comprehensive energy planning; and

WHEREAS, one of the grants awarded in the category of "facilitating comprehensive energy planning" was $100,000 for a collaborative project submitted by the County of La Crosse, the City of La Crosse and Western Technical College for funding to study the feasibility of a microgrid in downtown La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, microgrids can operate independently of the standard electrical grid to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs and increase energy reliability and community resilience. A microgrid connecting County buildings, City Hall, and Western Technical College would ensure electricity is available and public facilities can function in the event of natural disaster, grid outage, or public emergency; and

WHEREAS, the study will explore (1) ownership models for the system across the three partners, (2) resiliency threats and needs for the downtown area, and (3) how a microgrid can provide power for a community resiliency center and critical government functions in the area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Grant Project award in the amount of $100,000 for the purpose of a study exploring the feasibility of a microgrid in downtown La Crosse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, after approval of Corporation Counsel and that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding.

FISCAL NOTE: The total grant award is $100,000, with no County match required. The operating costs will be tracked in Fund 100 within the County financial system and overseen by the Zoning Department.

Date: June 10, 2024

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Carrie A. Schiff

RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	OK	_____	Requested By: Kathleen Stewart
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	Date Requested: May 29, 2024
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____	Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Board Chair	_____			

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this _____ Day of _____, 2024