

Resolution: Retroactive Accept & Expend Grant of \$100,000 from California Energy Commission for SolarAPP+

Budget & Finance Committee

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Background

- Senate Bill 379 established requirements for California cities and counties to implement an online, automated permitting platform
- Department of Building Inspection (DBI) chose to adopt SolarAPP+, an online application developed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- SolarAPP+ performs automated plan review for residential solar energy systems through automatic code compliance checks and issues permits instantly when the project is confirmed as code compliant, without the need for human review
- SolarAPP+ application available to customers on DBI's website as of October 1, 2023

California Energy Commission Grant

- The California Energy Commission (CEC) has agreed to fund DBI in the amount of \$100,000 for costs associated directly with the adoption and maintenance of SolarAPP+
- The CEC grant funding will support ongoing staff training and education specific to SolarAPP+, essential hardware or equipment necessary to support adoption of SolarAPP+, as well as platform maintenance



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