RESOLUTION 17-21

To Authorize Submission of Sole Source Grant Application to District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment - Solar for All Program

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia ("District") Department of Energy and Environment ("DOEE") administers the District's Solar for All Program, pursuant to which it disburses funds from the District's Renewable Energy Development Fund ("REDF");

WHEREAS, the stated goals of the Solar for All Program are to: increase access to the benefits of solar power to the District's small local businesses, nonprofits, seniors, and low-income households; and

WHEREAS, District of Columbia Housing Authority's ("DCHA") portfolio of public housing and mixed-finance properties and other households that DCHA assists represent an opportunity for DOEE to make significant progress toward its programmatic objectives;

WHEREAS, DOEE invites DCHA to apply to the Solar for All Program for a multi-year, sole source grant in an amount up to Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) from the REDF, to support the installation of renewable energy systems at DCHA-owned and –assisted properties;

WHEREAS, support from the Solar for All Program would contribute significantly to DCHA's objectives of generating more power at its properties and reducing overall energy consumption costs;

WHEREAS, with a multi-year grant of REDF funding, provided under the Solar For All Program, DCHA will design and implement a solar energy program, including: 1) the replacement, upgrade and modernization of aging electrical equipment; 2) upgrade and/or replacement of roofing system infrastructure; 3) energy consumption and cost reduction measures, 4) emergency repair and maintenance and operations cost reductions; 5) on-site solar energy production ; 6) installation of cutting-edge solar and monitoring technology; 7) reduction of carbon emissions; 8) increase in DCHA staff capacity; and 8) implementation of a model resident engagement and support program;

WHEREAS, properties eligible for solar systems include DCHA's traditional public housing properties, as well as non-public housing properties assisted by DCHA, such as mixed-finance and tax credit properties (*e.g.* Parkway Overlook);

WHEREAS, deployment of Solar For All grant resources will allow DCHA to reinvest energy consumption cost savings in the on-going operation and modernization of DCHA's portfolio, including other various energy measures, to the benefit of the properties and low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Construction Services Administration, LLC, DCHA's instrumentality, has managed and administered energy programming on DCHA's behalf for several years, and is prepared to perform similar services under the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of DCHA hereby authorizes:

1) the Interim Executive Director to execute and submit to DOEE Solar for All Program an application for a multi-year, sole source grant, in an amount up to Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00);

2) the Interim Executive Director (or such other DCHA official as may be required by applicable Solar for All program regulations or requirements) to execute and submit to DOEE Solar for All Program all such other documents and/or materials as may be necessary to apply for, and/or receive a multi-year, sole source grant from DOEE Solar for All Program, including but not limited to: certifications; supporting documents; and financial statements; and

3) the Interim Executive Director to assign project management and administration of such solar programming, and system installation to DCHA's instrumentality, Construction Services Administration, LLC.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners and signed in authentication of its passage the 13th day of September 2017.

ATTEST:

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APPROVAL:

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Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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