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RE: Grant Administration Reporting

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

This letter addresses the notification requirement set forth by the Legislature in the Laws of 2024, Chapter 126, Article 4, Section 4(c) as outlined in the language below:

Sec. 4. GRANT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING.

(c) By January 15, 2025, and each year thereafter, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy on the annual cost to administer (1) each competitive grant program included in paragraph (a), and (2) each competitive grant program in this article and article 5.

Table 1 below provides administrative costs for FY2024 for each of the competitive grant and rebate programs. The administrative costs are capped at 10%. The FY2024 costs are lower than anticipated second year expenses as the majority of staff to implement these grants and programs were not hired until midyear. Reporting on the new programs authorized during the 2024 Legislative Session will begin in the FY2025 report.

As stated by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.197: This report cost approximately \$300.00 to prepare, including staff time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my team.

Sincerely,



Grace Arnold
Commissioner

Table 1. RFP/Competitive Solicitations

Grant Programs	Total Appropriation	FY24 Administrative Costs
Solar for Schools (K-12, GF)	\$15,000,000	\$103,180
Solar for Schools (K-12, RDA)	\$14,310,000	\$127,380
Solar for Schools (MNSCU GF)	\$1,138,000	\$56,370
Electric Panel Grants (GF)	\$3,000,000	\$49,800
Electric Panel Grants (RDA)	\$3,500,000	\$50,920
Benchmarking	\$2,108,000	\$48,515
Electric School Bus Grants (GF)	\$6,000,000	\$3,900
Electric School Bus Grants (RDA)	\$7,000,000	\$3,815
Grid Resilience Grants	\$5,300,000	\$63,550
HVAC for Schools	\$1,000,000	\$2,135
On-site Energy Storage (GF)	\$3,000,000	\$26,255
Solar on Public Buildings	\$5,000,000	\$83,033
Auto Dealer EV Certification Rebate (GF)	\$1,000,000	\$10,060
Auto Dealer EV Certification Rebate (RDA)	\$1,000,000	\$11,500
Weatherization/Pre-Weatherization and Workforce	\$38,737,000	\$190,210
SolarAPP+ Prog 2002 ¹	\$500,000	-

¹ Funds authorized beginning FY2025.

SolarAPP+ Prog RDA ²	\$1,500,000	-
Geo Planning Grants ³	\$1,200,000	-
Ultraefficient Veh Dev Grant ⁴	\$250,000	-
TOTAL	\$110,543,000	\$830,623

² *Id*

³ *Id*

⁴ *Id*