Puget Sound Energy's Solar Grants Free grant writing support opportunity

PSE recognizes that time, institutional knowledge, and other barriers can make applying for grants difficult. To reduce these barriers, PSE is partnering with <u>Spark Northwest</u> to provide free grant writing support services to under-resourced organizations that wish to apply to the Solar Grants.

Who qualifies?

Any under-resourced community-based organization, government agency or Tribal entity with a project eligible for a **PSE Solar Grant** may seek out this free grant writing service. For this program, under-resourced applicants include:

- Those that do not have a dedicated grant writer on staff
- Those that do not have the funds to hire third party grant writers
- Grant writers who are unfamiliar with solar and need assistance bolstering their application.

What is being offered?

Spark Northwest can offer a range of grant writing support tailored to your organization's needs and your staff's capacity. Please note that even with this service, some staff time will be necessary to complete the grant application. Services vary from high to low touch, but may include:

- Intake meeting to determine grant writing support needs
- Coordinating with solar installers and reviewing bids
- Assessing organizational DEI and justice policies and practices to prepare for writing and reviewing grant application content
- Drafting or reviewing grant content and attachments
- Submitting the grant application
- Coordinating and/or participating in grant evaluation interviews
- · Following up with PSE grant evaluators, as needed

When do I need to be in touch by?

There are limited spots and services will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage interested applicants to reach out as soon as possible to guarantee support. The deadline to reach out for the grant writing services is July 31, 2024.

How do I get in touch?

If you are interested in applying for PSE's Solar Grants and utilizing the free grant writing service, please contact **grant.support@sparknorthwest.org**.