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GRANTS UPDATE



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KEY STATUS UPDATE

SPP/MISO Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue (JTIQ)

- **Funder:** Department of Energy (DOE)
- **OPPD Grant Award:** \$87.5M (Total Grant Award: \$464M)
- **Status and Next Steps:**
 - Minnesota Dept. of Commerce & DOE have signed Grant Agreement
 - OPPD nearing finish line to signing Grant Agreement between OPPD & State of Minnesota
 - Notice to Construct from SPP executed by OPPD 7-7-25
 - GRIP Grant Program under review by DOE

OPPD Grid Resiliency & Modernization Project

- **Funder:** Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Source:** FY23 Congressionally-Directed Spending Project
- **OPPD Grant Award:** ~\$7.8m
- **Status and Next Steps:**
 - Negotiations in process; agreement expected by 10-1-25
 - Projects to start in 2026 and be complete by 9-30-28

KEY STATUS UPDATE

Nebraska Solar For All (SFA)

- **Funder:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- **Source:** Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- **Awardee:** Center For Rural Affairs (CFRA)
- **Amount:** \$62m (to be parsed out to partners)
- **Status and Next Steps:**
 - Funding Terminated by EPA
 - 8-7: CFRA received a termination letter
 - OPPD was in the middle of evaluating CFRA's RFP for community solar projects
 - CFRA expects legal action will be taken to restore access to the funds

Nebraska One Red

- **Status and Next Steps:**
 - Monitoring status of DWEE's funds

KEY STATUS UPDATE

Executive Order on Federal Funding

- 8-7: "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking"
- Applies to all discretionary grants
- Each Agency will designate a Senior Appointee to review & approve new funding announcements
- Until a process is in place, no new funding announcements will be made without prior approval from the Senior Appointee
- Awards must advance the President's policy priorities

Evaluating New Grant Applications

- **Department of Defense (DOD)**
 - Modernization and resiliency projects at Offutt
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA)**
 - Possible partnerships with MAPA, Greater Omaha Chamber, one or more counties to support planning and/or implementation