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DORCHESTER NONPROFIT INSTALLS FULLY GRANT-FUNDED SOLAR PROJECT

May 31, 2022 - Dorchester, MA – After more than 40 years of educating and empowering Latina women and girls, Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA) is going to continue to serve its community for years to come, but now powered with 100% clean electricity. Early this spring, the Field's Corner-based education nonprofit installed a 23 kW solar array on the roof of their building which will cover all of the building's electricity usage.

Expected to save the nonprofit roughly \$165,000 over the lifetime of the system including income generated from the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program, the project was developed by neighboring Resonant Energy, a local solar provider focused on working with nonprofits to finance and install solar energy. MUA joins more than 80 nonprofit and commercial organizations in Dorchester that have installed clean solar energy.

"We're thrilled that we were able to do this project with the support of these grants," said Johannah Malone, Co-Director of MUA, "By installing solar we're reducing both our carbon footprint and our operating costs as an organization, which will allow us to reinvest those savings in our community. We hope other nonprofit organizations in Dorchester do the same."

The project was entirely grant-funded and was made possible by grants from the City of Boston's Partners with Nonprofits Program, the Tern Foundation's TernSOLAR challenge grant program and the Agnes M. Lindsay Charitable Trust. In accordance with the

grants, all contractors that worked on the installation were paid prevailing wages including roofers, electricians and installers.

“It’s been inspiring to see the determination and resourcefulness of the leadership team at MUA throughout the solar project,” said Madeleine Barr, Co-Founder and VP of Outreach at Resonant Energy. “Being able to literally see their solar array from our office window is a daily reminder that a collaborative, clean energy economy is in reach.”

Mujeres Unidas Avanzando and Resonant Energy are hosting a solar celebration and workshop on July 13, 2022 to celebrate the success of the project and provide a space for the Field’s Corner community and other nonprofits to learn about the benefits of solar energy. RSVP to the event [here](#).



Top: The complete 23 kW DC solar array on the roof of MUA.

Bottom: Construction equipment in the space between MUA and Resonant Energy

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About Mujeres Unidas Avanzando

Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA) has been meeting the educational needs of low-income Latina girls and women for over 40 years, helping them to build skills for full, self-sufficient lives. MUA's mission is to provide low-income Latinas and other English Language Learners (ELLs) the tools needed to empower themselves and effect liberating changes in their lives; those of their families; and society at large

About Resonant Energy

Resonant Energy is a community-based solar provider that believes that everyone has a right to clean affordable solar. We help under-invested communities take their place at the forefront of the global transition to clean energy. Through partnerships with local nonprofits, we deliver high-quality solar arrays for houses of worship, affordable housing providers, and homeowners – regardless of income. Thanks to our network of local investors, we are making solar power accessible for low-income households and nonprofits at no upfront cost, and in some cases, at no cost at all. We currently serve communities in Massachusetts, New York City, and Long Island.

About the Tern Foundation

Tern Foundation's TernSOLAR challenge grant program is designed to expand renewable energy use in Massachusetts communities, making solar technology more accessible to nonprofit organizations. Grants are offered to dynamic nonprofits that engage creatively with their communities, and that also consider future generations and the natural environment in their strategic priorities and sustainability planning. Since 2010 Tern Foundation has funded 18 solar projects and associated environmental education initiatives.