FUS program catalyzes solar energy at Wisconsin nonprofits

Thanks in part to FUS’ Array It Forward program, 17 nonprofits around the state will soon be able to reduce their energy costs and carbon pollution by installing solar-electricity systems,

Array It Forward, initiated after FUS installed its own solar-energy system a year ago, collects funds for RENEW Wisconsin, which in turn makes competitive grants to nonprofits. On Oct. 29, RENEW announced its newest round of grants, totaling $190,000. In total, the 17 nonprofit recipients will invest $1.4 million to build 790 kilowatts of solar generating capacity.

Among the nonprofits is the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, which will install more than 250 panels and demonstrate the benefits of solar energy to the young people they serve. Other local grant recipients are All Saints Lutheran Church in Fitchburg, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Madison.

“This will make life better for the children of the world,” said Carol Phelps, a contributing donor to Array It Forward. “When people unite to tackle climate change, there is great hope for the future.”

For more information on RENEW’s grants, go here. For more information on FUS’ solar program and Array It Forward, go here.