

## METRO REGION



### **West Bank Business Association: Cedar Riverside in the Green Zone – From Conversations to Action**

Minneapolis, MN – There are more than 200 West Bank Businesses with 90% of them still locally owned. A majority of these businesses are run by and employ people of color. These businesses are the most at risk for gentrification and displacement--yet we're behind the curve on preparing for energy and climate impacts. The West Bank Business Association will create outreach educational materials and translations about the importance of Green Zones and work one-on-one with businesses to create an anti-displacement plan for coming changes, sharing tools and opportunities for energy efficiency and conservation. (\$5,000)

### **Urban Design Perspectives (UDP): Camp SEE Architecture**

Minneapolis, MN – Creating the next generation of renewable energy ambassadors, Camp SEE Architecture educates young women of color on the impact of passive design and building material selection on the built environment. Through a one-week STE(A)M camp, 20 middle schoolers from North Minneapolis will create an exhibit that focuses on strategies to reduce their carbon footprint. Students will also learn and share best practices of local examples in North Minneapolis that currently use solar and wind energy and how these technologies translate into energy savings. (\$5,000)

### **MN Renewable NOW: High School Renewable Energy Leadership Conference**

Minneapolis, MN – MN Renewable NOW will host a High School Renewable Energy Leadership Conference for high school juniors and seniors on October 17-18th, 2020 in North Minneapolis. This will be an entire weekend training where they will attend breakout sessions, panel discussions, lectures, and hands-on workshops to understand how renewable energy works, the urgency of integrating renewable energy into our grid, ways they can participate in renewable energy now, and how they can advocate for renewable energy for their communities. After the conference, follow-up steps will be developed to continue to educate and support our community's future leaders. (\$5,000)

### **HOURCAR: Electric Vehicle Community Mobility Project**

Saint Paul, MN – HOURCAR plans to launch the Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Mobility Project in partnership with Xcel Energy, the City of Saint Paul and the City of Minneapolis. The ultimate aim of this project is to increase affordable access to electric vehicle car-sharing, increase publicly available electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and expand outreach on renewable energy transportation options to historically underserved communities. Under this project plan, about half of the car-sharing hubs will be located in ACP50 communities (area of concentrated poverty, >50% people of color). A strategy for deep engagement in these communities is planned in partnership with embedded community organizations, with a goal of better understanding barriers to access, as well as exploring options to guide and overcome these barriers for more equitable car-share access and usage in these historically underserved communities. (\$5,000)