

July 28, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the City of Nevada, I am writing to express our strong support for the Iowa Economic Development Preparedness Innovation and Energy Education Program grant application submitted by Story County Emergency Management to develop and deploy a community based **portable solar charging capability** that can be utilized in the aftermath of disasters or emergencies resulting in prolonged power outages.

Our community has experienced firsthand the challenges that arise during extended power outages caused by severe weather events and other disasters. One of the most urgent needs identified during these times is access to reliable power for charging cell phones, computers, and medical devices. These resources are essential for communication with loved ones, accessing emergency information and services, and registering for recovery assistance with local, state, and federal agencies.

A mobile, solar-powered charging system that can be rapidly deployed to impacted areas will significantly improve our emergency response and community resilience. It will provide an immediate and sustainable solution to ensure our residents remain connected and supported during critical times. Furthermore, this project aligns with our commitment to disaster preparedness and sustainability, ensuring that even the most vulnerable populations can access necessary resources during emergencies.

We are proud to support Story County Emergency Management in this important endeavor. Should this grant be awarded, the City of Nevada is committed to collaborating with project stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and deployment during disaster response and recovery operations.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital project. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact my office at 515-382-5466.

Sincerely,

Ryan Condon
Mayor, City of Nevada