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City hall gets solar power

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Chris Rebula, of Simple Solar, guides a stack of solar panels onto the roof of the Municipal Building on Tuesday. The city is installing the panels onto the rooftop over the next few days.

The sun shining down on Boulder's city hall will soon start producing electricity.

Workers on Tuesday began installing solar panels paid for with an anonymous donation to the Center for Resource Conservation, an environmental nonprofit.

The system — one of three donated to the city over the last year — is meant to increase the visibility of solar projects. In September, funds from the same anonymous donor paid for a solar panel system at the city's Park Central building at 1739 Broadway, and in July, Bella Energy donated a photovoltaic system to the George Reynolds Branch Library.

The Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway is getting a 9.88-kilowatt system that includes 52 photovoltaic panels. The system is expected to provide electricity for about 3 percent of the building's yearly electricity use to offset 13 metric tons of carbon dioxide every year.

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