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# LIGHT Reading

## CITY LIGHT UNVEILS INNOVATIVE MICROGRID PROJECT AT MILLER COMMUNITY CENTER

This spring, Seattle Parks and Recreation and Seattle City Light welcomed leaders and local community members to Miller Community Center to unveil its newly installed microgrid.

Governor Jay Inslee and City of Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell toured the project. City Light Officer of Energy Innovation & Resources Emeka Anyanwu included stops inside the center to view the artwork installed as part of the project and the microgrid control system and battery storage for an in-depth look at the technology behind the project.

“Our clean energy future has arrived, right here at the Miller Community Center,” Governor Inslee said in his remarks. “The families and students in this community now have access to more reliable, resilient, carbon-free electricity. This is the kind of project we look forward to celebrating in neighborhoods all across Washington state.”

The project includes installation of 132 solar panels on the community center’s roof, which send energy to a battery storage system. This system provides backup power storage for the community center during emergency events, such as a windstorm or unplanned power outage. When the electric grid is down, the microgrid generates and supplies power to the community center to



*City Light Officer of Energy Innovation & Resources Emeka Anyanwu showing Governor Jay Inslee the microgrid enclosure at Miller Community Center.*

keep the center’s services and communications operational.

This project was a collaborative effort between City Light and Seattle Parks and Recreation. It was partly funded by a \$1.5 million Clean Energy Fund grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Snap a pic of the QR code to watch a video about this new and exciting project!



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## SUPPORT CLEAN ENERGY WITH GREEN UP

Green Up is a voluntary renewable energy program that allows you to support Pacific Northwest wind, solar and other renewable energy projects. You also help us fund rooftop solar projects hosted by not-for-profits like schools, parks and affordable housing organizations. Learn more at [seattle.gov/city-light/GULR](http://seattle.gov/city-light/GULR).

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City Light crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service:

**Belltown:** underground infrastructure upgrades along Battery Street

**Madison Park:** repairing the streetlight system along Canterbury Lane East

**Service Area:** replacing aging utility poles

**South Lake Union:** facility upgrades at the Denny Substation

**University District:** civil construction upgrades to support electrical growth

For a detailed list of City Light construction projects, please visit [seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects](http://seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects).

## SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD



When a metallic mylar balloon touches a power line or electrical equipment, it can cause a surge of electricity which leads to a power outage and may even ignite a fire. If you are celebrating an occasion with metallic mylar balloons, remember to keep them safely tethered and dispose of the balloons properly.

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