

Program Basics

How did Illinois Solar for All come to be?

Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) is a key outcome of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA). FEJA is a monumental clean energy development package that was passed by the Illinois state legislature in 2016. The legislation aims to strengthen the Illinois economy by taking important steps toward the state's clean energy future.

How does Illinois Solar for All work?

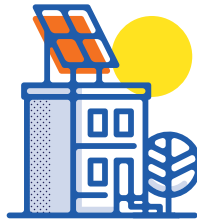
The solar developers and contractors who complete projects under ILSFA, known as Approved Vendors, receive financial incentives to encourage development that serves low-income and Environmental Justice Communities. The participants in these programs see no upfront costs, so individuals, non-profit organizations, and public facilities can reap the benefits of solar panels without having to overcome the obstacle of financing the solar installation all at once.

How can I participate in Illinois Solar for All?

ILSFA consists of three sub-programs aimed at different types of participants and projects. Each sub-program has different eligibility requirements.

Low-Income Distributed Generation

This program provides incentives for solar installations on any residential property that serves low-income households.

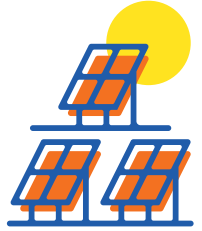


Who can participate?

- **Single-family residential properties:** Occupied by households with an income of 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI)
- **Multifamily residential, two- to four-unit properties:** At least two units occupied by households with incomes of 80% or less of AMI
- **Multifamily residential, five-unit or larger properties:** At least half of units occupied by households with incomes of 80% or less of AMI

Low-Income Community Solar

Community solar allows members of a community to subscribe to a single solar system. A solar array is installed at a site served by a local electrical utility. Anyone with an electricity account with that utility can subscribe to shares of that array. Subscribers of the solar array will receive credits on their electric bill.



Who can participate?

- **Low-income households:** Households with an income that is 80% or less of the AMI.
- **Non-Profit and Public Facilities Anchor Subscriber:** A single eligible non-profit or public facility can serve as the anchor subscriber and receive the same level of savings as low-income households

ILSFA ensures that communities have a voice in how community solar projects are developed. Developers and contractors are required to engage the local community on how projects are sited and how subscribers can participate. This helps to ensure that communities see greater benefits and play an important part in the development process.

Non-Profits and Public Facilities

This program provides incentives for properties occupied by non-profit organizations and public facilities that serve low-income or Environmental Justice Communities. Projects must be onsite solar projects that provide energy benefits directly to the organization or public facility.



Who can participate?

- The property is occupied by a non-profit organization or is owned and occupied by a public facility.
- The property is within either a qualified ILSFA Environmental Justice Community or low-income community.
- The property is occupied by a Critical Service Provider (CSP). For a public facility, the building must host a department/agency that is a CSP
- The non-profit or public entity must be able to demonstrate community engagement.



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What will Illinois Solar for All accomplish?

The goals of the ILSFA program are ambitious and important. ILSFA aims to increase participation in solar energy projects in Illinois that serve low-income and Environmental Justice Communities. The program provides greater access to solar energy to low-income households, non-profit organizations, and public facilities across the state through incentives that help make solar installations more affordable. In addition, solar developers and contractors who complete projects through ILSFA are required to use job trainees from qualified workforce development programs on a percentage of their projects. This ensures that low-income populations benefit not only through energy savings but also through the creation of jobs.

What consumer protections are in place under Illinois Solar for All?

ILSFA follows strict consumer protection guidelines. All projects are developed by vetted Approved Vendors. Approved Vendors must meet rigorous requirements, including quality workmanship, financial protections, cost and savings requirements, marketing requirements, and providing disclosure forms. Visit IllinoisSFA.com to read the full consumer protections guidelines.

How can I learn more?

- There are several ways that you can learn more about ILSFA.
- Attend an upcoming workshop in your community.
 - Visit IllinoisSFA.com to:
 - Sign up to receive updates.
 - Check income eligibility on the ILSFA website to see if you qualify for participation.
 - See if your property is in a qualified Environmental Justice Community or designate your community as one on the ILSFA website.
 - Solar developers and contractors can apply to become an Approved Vendor with ILSFA through the ILSFA website.
 - Individuals interested in solar job training can also apply for a number of qualified job training programs across Illinois. The ILSFA website lists job training resources to help you get started.

For more information about ILSFA:

Online: IllinoisSFA.com
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