



Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) is a state program that brings the benefits of solar energy to income-eligible households, nonprofit organizations, and public facilities. Through the program, eligible participants can receive affordable solar installations and save money on electric bills. ILSFA was created under the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) and implemented by the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) to help Illinois meet its renewable energy goals and to bring the expansion of solar energy to income-eligible communities. The program is administered by Elevate Energy (Elevate).

Participation

Income-eligible homeowners and renters, as well as nonprofits and public facilities serving low-income or environmental justice communities, can participate in ILSFA in a variety of ways.

- Income-eligible households can participate in ILSFA by installing solar panels on their roofs or mounting them on their property through the Residential On-Site Solar sub-programs with no upfront costs and guaranteed savings (participants only pay for half of the value of the bill credits they receive).
- Income-eligible renters, homeowners, nonprofit organizations, and public facilities can participate in ILSFA as anchor tenants through the Community Solar sub-program. By subscribing to a share of the solar project, subscribers receive electricity credits on their electricity bills based on the project's production.
- Nonprofit organizations and public entities located in an environmental justice or low-income community can participate in ILSFA by installing on-site solar projects, which provide direct energy benefits.

To be eligible for participation, income-eligible homeowners and renters must work with solar developers and contractors (companies that submit project applications to the Program) registered with the IPA's ILSFA program. On behalf of consumers, these companies will submit the solar system to the Program or register the community solar subscription with an already established Community Solar project. The Program provides payments in exchange for 15 years of Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs")¹ from a utility contracted to buy the RECs from solar developers and contractors. These payments to solar developers and contractors will help offset the cost of customers' new PV system or community solar subscription.

¹ RECs are certificates that represent the environmental benefits of electricity generated from solar panels that can be sold or bought.

Specific to the ILSFA program, participants see no upfront costs and a minimum specified savings, where ongoing costs or fees to the participant do not exceed 50% of the value of energy produced by a participant's PV system, or in the case of community solar, a participant's subscription of the installed PV system. These consumer protection requirements ensure that Illinois consumers from income-eligible and environmental justice communities are seeing economic benefits from the program and are protected against misleading or unfair business practices.

Benefits

- Increase participation in solar energy projects serving income-eligible and environmental justice communities.
- Promote equitable access to the solar economy in both urban and rural Illinois.
- No upfront costs and any ongoing costs and fees will not exceed 50% of the value of the energy generated from that solar system.
- Support solar energy development in Illinois.
- Stimulate economic development through job creation and job training programs in historically underserved and marginalized communities in Illinois.

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