



Low-Income Forum on Energy

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We will be starting soon.**



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The Low-Income Forum on Energy Presents:

Solar For All NYSERDA Community Solar Initiative

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Working to help low-income New Yorkers address energy issues.

LIFE, the Low-Income Forum on Energy, is a unique statewide dialogue that brings together organizations and individuals committed to addressing the challenges and opportunities facing low-income New Yorkers as they seek safe, affordable and reliable energy.

Supported by the New York State Public Service Commission and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the LIFE dialogue encourages an interactive exchange of information and collaboration among the programs and resources that assist low-income energy consumers.



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Asking Questions During Today's Webinar

The screenshot displays the Cisco WebEx Event Center interface. The main content area shows a slide with the New York State logo and the text "NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Low-Income Forum on Energy". Below the slide, it says "Welcome! We will be starting soon." The right-hand sidebar contains several sections: "Participants (1)" showing the host "NYSERDA Events (Host, me)", "Q&A" section with a text input field and "Send" and "Send Privately..." buttons, and "PPT Notes". A red circle highlights the Q&A section, with two yellow arrows pointing to it from the right. The bottom of the interface shows the Cisco logo and a "Connected" status indicator.

Type into the text field and click “send.”

Technical Difficulties or Contacting the Host

The screenshot shows the Cisco WebEx Event Center interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Quick Start', 'Event Info', and 'CIA LIFE web...'. The main content area displays a welcome message: 'Welcome! We will be starting soon.' for the 'NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Low-Income Forum on Energy' event. The right sidebar shows the 'Participants' list with 'NYSERDA Events (Host, me)' and 'Attendees: 0 (0 displayed)'. The 'Chat' icon in the top right is circled in red, and a yellow arrow points to it. The chat window is also visible, showing a 'Send to:' dropdown set to 'All Participants' and a 'Send' button. A second yellow arrow points to the chat window area.

Click on the “Chat” icon to activate the chat function.

Solar for All



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3 Gigawatts

Statewide Goal

\$961 Million

Total Budget

Stimulate

Market Place

Reduce

Soft Costs

- Significantly expand installed solar capacity
- Attract private investment
- Enable sustainable development of a robust industry
- Create well-paying skilled jobs
- Improve the reliability of the electric grid
- Reduce air pollution
- Make solar available to all New Yorkers that want it



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To help all New Yorkers access the benefits of solar power, Solar for All will provide no cost community solar subscriptions to 10,000 low income households over the next three years.



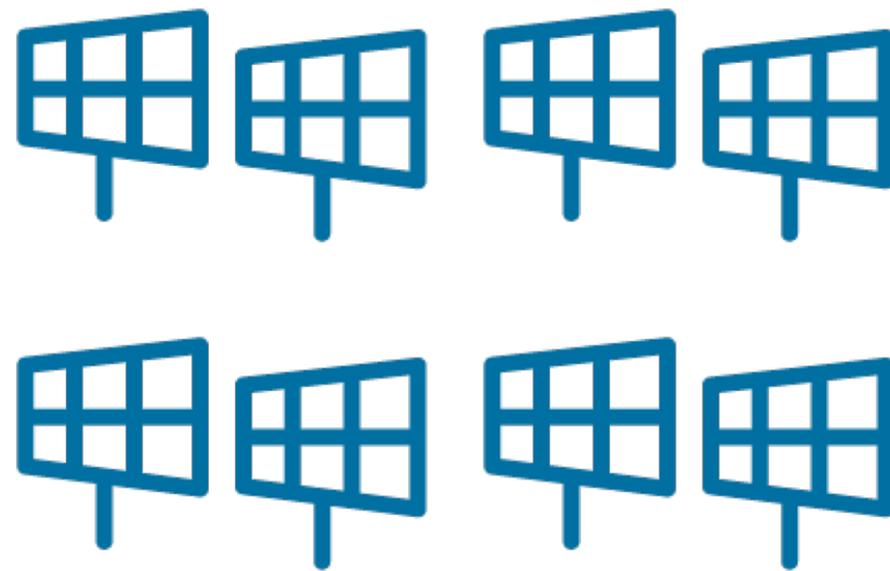
What is Solar for All?

- A state run program by NYSERDA
- Program participants save money through a free community solar subscription
- No need to install or maintain solar equipment
- No cost to join



Why Community Solar

- Community solar is a more flexible model than rooftop solar
- Anyone with a utility account can participate
- No need to maintain panels on the customer's home or property



What does community solar look like?



Roof Mount



Ground Mount



Parking Canopy

Any of these system types can be a community solar project

What does community solar look like?



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How Solar for All Works



1



Solar panels are installed at a site in your community.

2



The clean energy is then fed into the local power grid.

3



You continue to get electricity from your utility, with no need to install or maintain panels on your home or property.

4



As a program participant, you receive credits on your electric bill at no cost to you.

Solar for All Community Solar Projects

- NYSERDA selects community solar projects across the state
- The selection is based on price and cost savings
- Projects can propose community co-benefits
 - Workforce training and hiring commitment in disadvantaged communities
 - Community-based or participant ownership models



How a Customer Participates

1. Review eligibility criteria nyserderda.ny.gov/solarforalleligibility
2. Submit a completed application nyserderda.ny.gov/solarforall
 - Attach a recent electric utility bill
 - Attach income documentation
3. Within a few days of submitting an application, the customer receives eligibility notification
4. If a project is available, the customer is assigned to a community solar project
 - If a project isn't available in their area, the customer will be put on a waitlist until a project becomes available near them
5. Customer receives credits on their electricity bill, reducing their monthly utility costs



What the Customer Gets

- Monthly solar credits on their electric bill with no change to their local utility provider
- Savings of \$100-\$200 annually
- No upfront costs, fees, or payments to participate
- Application and status updates on a regular basis
- Ability to cancel at any time without penalty or payment



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Customer Eligibility Requirements

- Must pay for their own electric utility bill
- Be located in a service territory that pays into the SBC
- Have an electric usage of at least 2,000 kWh annually
- Be determined eligible (low income is 60% SMI) either through categorical or income eligibility
- Submit a complete application



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The Application Process

- 5 easy steps
- Mobile accessible
- Paper application available
- Assistance available

NYSERDA

HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION

Solar for All Application

Applicant Information (Step 1 of 5)

Here are some tips to help you complete your application.

1. Be sure to complete each section. If you need more time, you can save your application and return to it at any time.
2. Make sure the contact person listed on the application is the same person listed on your electric utility bill.
3. Before starting, have a copy of your electric utility bill and required [eligibility documents](#). You will need to upload these documents with your application submission.

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Phone *

Preferred method of communication * ⓘ

Phone Call

SAVE CONTINUE



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Outreach Resources

NYSERDA is providing outreach organizations with:

- fact sheets
- customer facing presentation
- talking points
- additional training

Resource Page: nyserda.ny.gov/SFAOutreach



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Program Timeline

Spring

- ✓ RFP Released

Summer

- ✓ Outreach resources become available
- ✓ Customer outreach and sign-up begins
- RFP closes and community solar projects are selected

Fall

- Community solar projects begin to come online



Sign up begins this summer!

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Presenters: Representatives from Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

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