



NYSERDA

100% Renewable Energy

A High-Impact Action for the Clean Energy Communities Program

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Clean Energy Communities Program

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program provides grants, coordinator support, and a clear path forward to local governments that demonstrate leadership by completing NYSERDA-selected high-impact actions.

Who is eligible:

- ✓ **City, town, village, and county governments**

Easy to participate:

- ✓ **Local governments complete high-impact actions to earn grants and recognition**

Key advantages include:

- ✓ **Flexible grant funding with no local cost share**
- ✓ **Free coordinator support**
- ✓ **Recognition for your community's leadership**

100% Renewable Electricity

- A local government's decision to purchase renewable energy for its electricity needs highlights its role as leader in addressing climate change and protecting the environment.
- This action is applicable to all communities.

Requirements

Demonstrate completion of the 100% Renewable Electricity action by submitting the following documentation:

- Submit a completed 100% Renewable Electricity Certification Form V2 (accessed in the 100% Renewable Electricity toolkit at www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec) or comparable information. Requested information includes the average annual load of all municipal electricity accounts and the percentage of the load that have been or will be matched with New York renewable energy certificates (RECs) that are retired in a [New York State Generation Attribute Tracking System](#) (NYGATS). This applies to electricity use that occurred in 2020 and later.

What Counts as Renewable Electricity?

- RECs represent proof that electricity was generated from an eligible renewable energy source. They are sold separately from commodity electricity.
- To claim electricity is “renewable” or “green”, Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) must be purchased and retired in the NYS Generation Attribute Tracking System (NYGATS).
- In order for a power purchase agreement (PPA) to count, the project developer must forgo receiving the environmental value (“E Value”) of the VDER value stack in order to receive the RECs and retire them in NYGATS.
- RECs generated by state-owned resources including New York Power Authority-owned facilities do not qualify.
- RECs must be produced in the same calendar year as the electricity consumption.

The Bottom Line

Local government officials that implement the 100% Renewable Electricity HIA can:

- ✓ Take control of energy supply
- ✓ Lead by example, and share lessons learned that can encourage institutions and businesses to follow suit
- ✓ Meet GHG reduction and climate goals

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