NY-Sun Program Expansion: Sustainable Futures Program Funding

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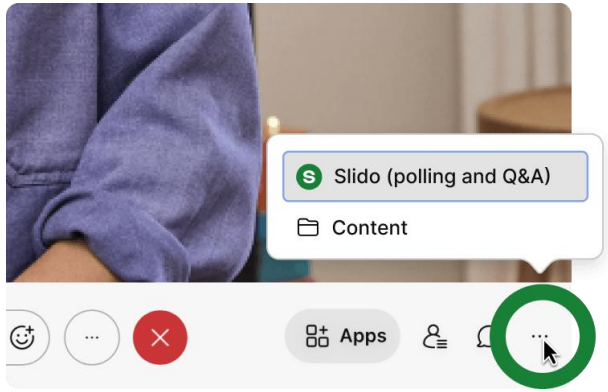

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Summary of Revisions

Since the webinar on Nov 10, 2026, NYSERDA has made a few revisions to the PowerPoint as outlined below and indicated in **blue** in the following slides.

Slide 8

- **Original**: Projects that have previously been awarded a NYSERDA incentive cannot cancel their applications and re-apply at a higher incentive rate.

- **Updated**: Projects that have previously submitted a NYSERDA project application cannot cancel their applications and re-apply at a higher incentive rate.

Slide 12

- **New bullet:** Project Eligibility: Projects are not eligible for ASRI if they expand an existing system.

Slide 19

- **Original:** This block will be closed early and replaced with the new Block 11.
- Projects that have already received incentive awards from Block 10 or earlier blocks can not cancel their award and re-submit for a higher incentive rate in the new Block 11 or subsequent blocks.

- **Updated:** Block 10 will be closed on November 12, 2026.
- The Upstate Nonresidential Block 11 will open on December 15, 2026.
- Projects with submitted applications in Upstate Nonresidential Block 10 or earlier blocks may not cancel their application and resubmit to Upstate Nonresidential Block 11, or subsequent blocks, for the purpose of receiving higher incentives

Overview of NY-Sun Sustainable Future Program (SFP) Funding

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- The NY State 2026-27 budget included an allocation to NYSERDA of $200M to support additional distributed solar, through the Sustainable Futures Program (SFP).
- On October 14, 2026, NYSERDA announced a framework for the deployment of these funds with the NY-Sun program.
- Today, we are focusing on new incentive blocks for **Upstate Nonresidential**, **Long Island Nonresidential**, and **Affordable Solar** (statewide) projects that will be opened in December and January.
- The current Upstate Commercial/Industrial SEEF block and Con Edison Nonresidential block remain open - details on future blocks TBD.

Overview of New MW Block Incentives

Market Segment	Total SFP MW	Initial Block Size (MW)	Initial MW Block Incentive ($/Watt)	Expected Opening
Affordable Residential – Upstate	15	10	$0.60	• Contractor Application: December 2026 • Project Application: January 2027
Affordable Residential – Con Edison	16	10	$0.40	
Affordable Residential – Long Island	10	10	$0.40	
Nonresidential – Upstate (up to 1 MW ac)	35	35	$0.40	December 2026
Nonresidential – Long Island (up to 5 MW ac)	60	30	$0.25	
Upstate Commercial/Industrial (up to 5 MW ac)	430	TBD	TBD	TBD

NY-Sun Program Rules

- Companies must be NY-Sun Participating Contractors to submit incentive applications.
- NYSERDA will continue its existing inspection process to ensure taxpayer and customer protection, and to maintain the quality of New York's solar industry.
- Projects that have previously submitted a NYSERDA project application cannot cancel their applications and re-apply at a higher incentive rate.
- Projects that have already received utility permission to operate are not eligible to apply for any NY-Sun incentives.
- Refer to the NY-Sun Program Manual on NY-Sun's Resources for Contractors webpage for complete rules (updates to the Program Manual will be posted prior to opening of new blocks).

Affordable Solar Residential Incentive

Affordable Solar Residential Incentive (ASRI)

- The Affordable Solar Residential Incentive (ASRI) provides an upfront incentive for residential solar PV projects for eligible low-to-moderate income (LMI) households with income under 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or State Median Income (SMI), whichever is higher.
- Using the SFP funding, NYSERDA will deploy a new ASRI block for each region: Upstate, Con Edison, and Long Island.
- NYSERDA is not adding market rate (non-LMI) residential solar funding.
- The ASRI program will use a similar structure to the previous program, but there are some new rules and processes to review.
- NYSERDA will accept written stakeholder feedback on the ASRI Design until **November 30, 2026**. Submit your comments to **affordablesolar@nyserda.ny.gov**

ASRI Rates and Adder

- **Upstate:** $.60/watt.
- **Con Edison:** $.40/watt.
- **Long Island:** $.40/watt.
- There is also a **$.20/watt adder** available for households that have completed an insulation (attic and walls) and air-sealing project through NYSERDA's Empower+ program since July 2023.
- Initial blocks will be 10 MW each.
- In all regions, eligible households may take both the Affordable Solar Residential Incentive and the NYSERDA residential energy storage incentive for paired solar PV and energy storage systems.

What is Staying the Same?

- **Customer Eligibility:** Households with income under 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or 80% of State Median Income (SMI), whichever is higher.
  - The customer must complete the NYSERDA Income Eligibility Application and be approved by NYSERDA before the Contractor's ASRI project application will be reviewed.

- **Project Financing:** NYSERDA's Green Jobs Green New York (GJGNY) loan may be used to finance project purchases.

- **Program Requirements:** Contractors and projects must meet the NY-Sun residential program requirements described in the NY-Sun Program Manual and Participation Agreement and the GJGNY Residential Financing Program Manual if applying for the GJGNY loan.

- This includes maintaining an approved and updated **DER supplier status** with the New York Department of Public Service under the Uniform Business Practices for Distributed Energy Resource Suppliers rules.

- **Project Eligibility:** Projects are not eligible for ASRI if they expand an existing system.

What is Changing?

Existing and new NY-Sun Residential Participating Contractors must apply to NY-Sun and be approved to offer the ASRI to customers.

Submit the following to NY-Sun via the NYSERDA Portal:

1. **Updated NY-Sun Participation Agreement:** Review and execute Version 12 of the NY-Sun Participation Agreement (available on NY-Sun's Resources for Contractors webpage under the Program Manual).

2. **Contractor Customer Proposal and Agreement(s):**
   - The customer proposal and customer contract that will be offered to the customer. For contractors working with financing partners to offer leases, pre-paid leases, PPAs, or loans, the customer contract must include the financing agreement.

3. **A description** of how the ASRI will be passed through to the customer.

What is Changing (Continued)?

Contractor Requirements: Applicable to existing and new residential contractors.

- **Quality Assurance Score:** All ASRI projects will be inspected by NYSERDA's Quality Markets and Standards inspectors. Contractors must maintain an average Quality Assurance (QA) score of 3.0. A Contractors QA score will be updated after each inspection. If a contractor's average QA score falls below 3.0 over a six-month trailing average or they fail three consecutive inspections, they will be notified and moved to probation.

- **Customer Agreements:** Maintain an up-to-date Customer Agreement with NYSERDA.

What is Changing (Continued)?

Required Project Documents

- The Signed Customer Agreement including the signed UBP-DER On-Site DG Customer Disclosure Form.
- Selecting the Empower+ adder in the NYSERDA portal, if the customer has completed an Empower+ wall and attic insulation and air sealing project since July 2023.

How will ASRI be Rolled Out?

- NYSERDA will send out an email to all participating residential contractors that the Contractor Application is open (approximately December 15, 2026).
- Contractors can submit ASRI Contractor Applications on a rolling basis.
- Contractors will receive a notification from NY-Sun that they have been approved or rejected to offer ASRI.
- If rejected, Contractors will be provided the reason(s) their application was rejected. Contractors may reapply once they have resolved their application issues.
- 30 days after the Contractor Application is opened, the ASRI blocks will open and Participating ASRI Contractors can submit project applications.
- The incentives will be available until the blocks are exhausted.

Stakeholder Feedback

NYSERDA will accept written stakeholder feedback on the ASRI Design until **November 30, 2026**.

Please send written feedback to affordablesolar@nyserda.ny.gov

Subject Line: ASRI Design

Nonresidential – Upstate and Long Island

Nonresidential: Upstate

- This incentive applies to commercial, governmental, community, or non-profit PV projects up to 1 MWac. The incentive is available for the full DC project capacity.
- **Incentive rate and capacity:** A new block will open at a base incentive rate of $0.40/Watt for 35MW of block capacity.
- **Incentive transition:** The existing Block 10 has an incentive rate of $0.25/Watt and there is 15MW of capacity remaining.
- Block 10 will be closed on November 12, 2026.
- The Upstate Nonresidential Block 11 will open on December 15, 2026.
- Projects with submitted applications in Upstate Nonresidential Block 10 or earlier blocks may not cancel their application and resubmit to Upstate Nonresidential Block 11, or subsequent blocks, for the purpose of receiving higher incentives.

Nonresidential: Long Island

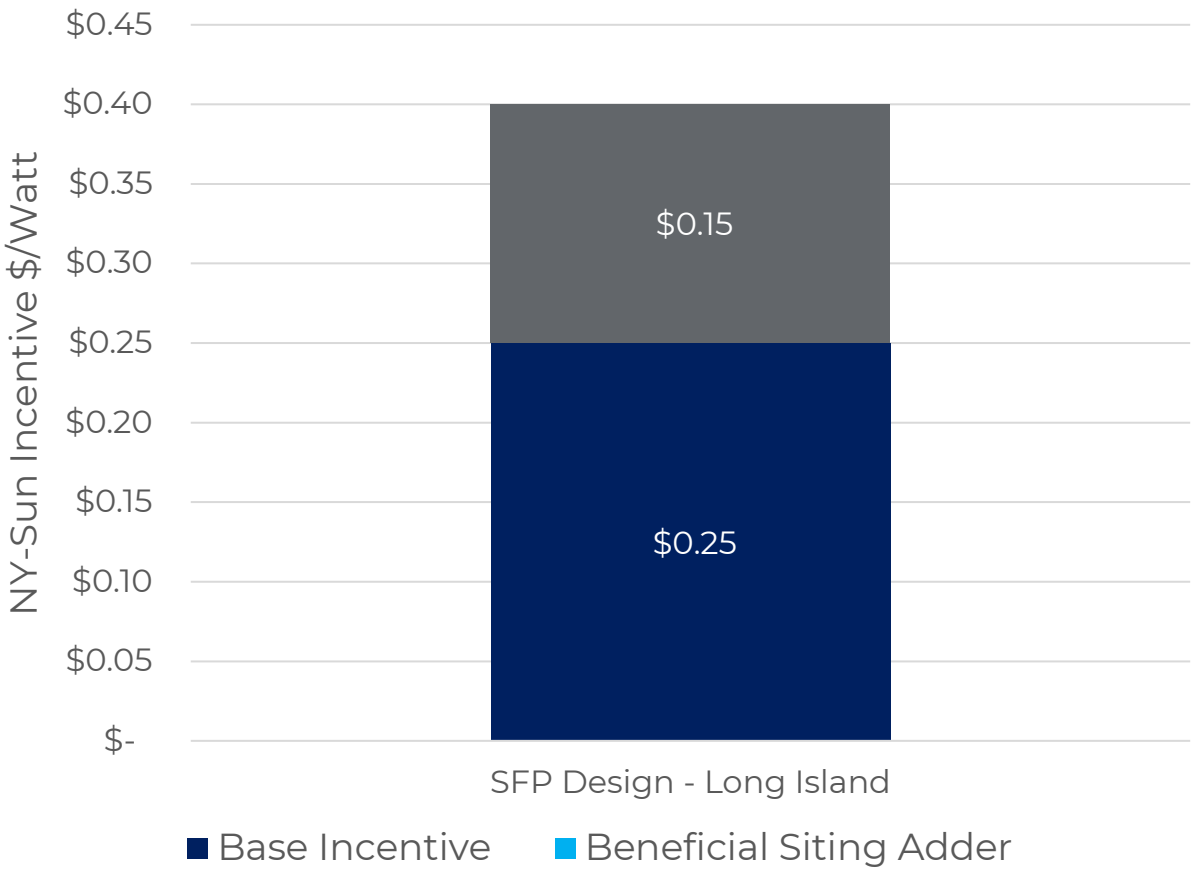
- NY-Sun has not had a Nonresidential incentive block in Long Island since 2019.
- A new block will open at a base incentive rate of $0.25/Watt for 30MW.
- There will be a single block for all commercial, governmental, community, or non-profit PV project sizes, up to 5MWac.
- Project applications must be submitted by NY-Sun Participating Contractors.
- Projects 1MWac or larger must abide by New York State Prevailing Wage requirements under state law. There is not a separate Prevailing Wage adder; the base incentive has been set to reflect the cost of prevailing wage compliance.
- **Only projects with initial utility interconnection applications on or after October 14, 2026 (the announcement of the SFP incentives) are eligible.**

Incentive Adders

New Nonresidential projects will be eligible for incentive adders in addition to their base incentive.

- **Statewide Solar For All (S-SFA) Incentive Adder (Upstate only):** $0.07/Watt. Not available in Long Island, which does not have a S-SFA utility program.
- **Multifamily Affordable Housing Incentive Adder (MAHI):** Replaces base incentive, provides a total incentive of $1.00/Watt for the first 200kW. Project capacity above 200 kW receives the nonresidential base incentive.
- **Beneficial Siting Adders:** Projects may receive an adder for one of the following:
  - Parking canopies, brownfields, landfills, or floating solar: $0.15/Watt
  - Agrivoltaics: program design is still ongoing, will not be available by initial block opening.
- Projects can stack the base incentive with the S-SFA and up to one siting adder.

Incentive Stack Example: Long Island Nonresidential Project with Beneficial Siting Adder



Nonresidential – Con Edison

Nonresidential: Con Edison Territory

- Approximately 54 MW remains in the current ratepayer-funded Con Edison nonresidential block, at $0.45/Watt.
- Additional capacity/block(s) will be added to achieve the regional target set in the “10 GW” Order using existing NY-Sun funding.
- Projects continue to be eligible for incentive adders including:
  - Statewide Solar For All (S-SFA), Inclusive Community Solar Adder (ICSA), and Community Adder (CA)
  - Multifamily Affordable Housing Incentive Adder (MAHI)
  - Brownfields, landfills, or floating solar
  - Parking canopy

Commercial/Industrial

Commercial/Industrial: Upstate

- Commercial, governmental, community, or nonprofit projects between 1 and 5 MW ac in the Upstate region.
- Upstate Commercial/Industrial SEEF Block 2 remains open for Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA) projects.
- Program design for new Upstate C/I block(s) is ongoing, with launch of new block(s) anticipated for 2027.
- Once open, new Upstate C/I block(s) will be available to all project configurations, including S-SFA, Opt-in Community Solar, Remote Crediting, and Behind-the-Meter projects.

Program Roll-Out Timeline

This Week: Slides of this presentation will be emailed out to webinar participants.

Within 2 Weeks: Slides and recording will be posted on NY-Sun's Resources for Contractors page. NYSERDA will send an email notifying stakeholders once materials are posted.

November 30, 2026: Written stakeholder feedback on the ASRI Design due to NYSERDA. Send written feedback to affordablesolar@nyserda.ny.gov, Subject Line: ASRI Design.

Approximately December 15, 2026:
- New Program Manual published
- Contractor application opens for Affordable Solar Residential Incentive
- Long Island Nonresidential Block opens
- Existing Upstate Nonresidential Block 10 closes, and new Block 11 opens

Approximately January 19, 2027:
- Affordable Solar Residential Incentive blocks open for project applications for Upstate, Con Edison, and Long Island.