



**Illinois Solar for All**

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# What is Illinois Solar for All?

- Illinois Solar for All is a state program that brings the benefits of solar energy to income-eligible households, non-profit organizations, and public facilities.



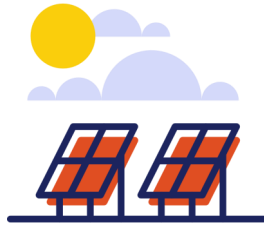
# Grassroots Education Organizations

- Community based organizations who help residents, non-profits, and public facilities understand their options and navigate Illinois Solar for All
  - Contact information for each organization is on the Illinois Solar for All website (or reach out to us and we will connect you with someone in your area)
    - <https://www.illinoissfa.com/grassroots-education/>
- A Just Harvest & Pilsen Environmental Rights and Reform Organization
  - Community Organizing and Family Issues
  - Citizen's Utility Board Consumer Education and Research Fund
  - Ecology Action Center
  - El Valor
  - Faith in Place
  - Garfield Park Community Council
  - Imani Works!
  - Kenwood Oakland Community Organization
  - Macedonia Development Corporation
  - METEC
  - Mildred Franks Community Development Corporation
  - People for Community Recovery and Southeast Environmental Task Force

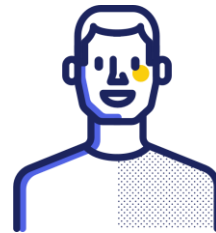


# How to get started: Renters

- New community solar projects for residents who live in ComEd's service territory are coming online soon
- Reach out to a Grassroots Educator who can alert you when there is a community solar opportunity



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**2.** If you pay an electricity bill, you can subscribe to this community solar project.



**3.** You will receive credits on your electricity bill for your portion of the project.



# How to get started: Owners

- Reach out to a Grassroots Educator who can help you navigate the program, OR
- Directory includes all [Approved Vendors](#) (use filters)
- Reach out directly to a participating solar company
  - GRNE
    - 312-859-3417
    - srecteam@GRNESolar.com
  - Sunrun
    - 312-919-4427
    - Ashley.Yehuda@Sunrun.com

Name of Approved Vendor	GRNE Solar	Sunrun
<b>Region(s) <sup>1</sup></b>	Cook County North East North West East Central West Central	Cook County North East North West East Central West Central (northern half only)
<b>Building Type(s)</b>	Single-family, 2-4 units	Single-family
<b>Roof Type(s)/Ground Mount?</b>	Flat roofs, pitched roofs, and ground-mounted	Pitched roofs
<b>Offer Type<sup>2</sup></b>	Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)/Lease	Lease
<b>Date Offer Expires</b>	12/31/2023	12/31/2023
<b>Contract Length</b>	15 years	20 years
<b>Base Offer Rate<sup>3</sup></b>	\$0 (single family, 2-4 units)	\$0



# How to get started: Non-Profit and Public Facilities

1. Determine Non-Profit or Public Facility (NP/PF) entity eligibility.
  - a) NP/PF entity must be a **Critical Service Provider**
  - b) Project location must be an Income-Eligible or Environmental Justice Community (IEC or EJC). See maps on ILSFA website, NP/PF page.
2. In most cases a NP/PF entity will not self-install. They will use an AV to manage the solar installation and program requirements. Contact an Approved Vendor (AV). See sortable directory at:  
<https://www.illinoissfa.com/vendor-directory/>



# Small Businesses

- ILSFA provides support to small and emerging (SME) businesses interested in IL Solar for All and ongoing guidance to Approved Vendors in the Program.
- As customers, (aka “participants”) there’s not much role/opportunity for small businesses in ILSFA. There’s no REC incentive to reduce the cost of the solar in ILSFA for small for-profit businesses.
- As contractors interested in helping develop solar projects, small businesses can reach out directly to Jan Gudell to understand possible points of entry into the IL solar market, including ILSFA.



# Contact info

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# Why does Illinois offer ILSFA?

- Illinois offers ILSFA to meet its renewable energy goals while expanding solar energy access to income-eligible communities.
- Created by the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) in 2016
- Program funding expanded by Climate and Equitable Jobs Act in 2021
- Households that do not qualify for ILSFA can participate in Illinois Shines, another state solar incentive program.



# Illinois Solar for All basics

- Illinois Solar for All is for:
  - Critical service providers (non-profits or public facilities) located in environmental justice or low-income communities)
  - Residents (owners AND renters) who are income eligible (below 80% of Area Median Income)
    - For example, at or below \$90,050 for a 5-person household in Cook County
- Participants must see savings/benefits
- Upfront costs are not allowed in most cases
- Opportunities for:
  - Residential installations (on-site)
  - Community solar subscriptions (off-site)
  - Non-profit and Public Facility installations (on-site)



# Is it free to participate?

- **Participants will pay less than they are paying now.**
  - Some offers are free and some include payments to an approved solar company.
  - If there is a cost, it will be lower than the amount of money participants save on their electricity bill.

Example of monthly costs:

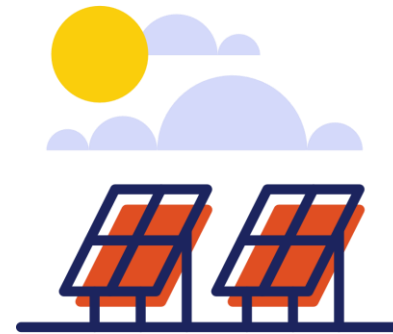
- Old electricity bill: \$100
- New electricity bill: \$25
- New bill from Approved Vendor: \$25
- Through ILSFA, participant is saving \$50 per month



# Frequently Asked Questions

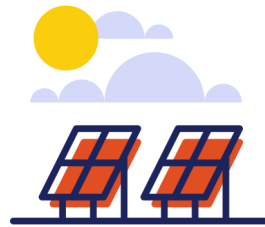
**Question:** Does one have to own their home to participate?

**Answer:** No! Renters can also participate through “community solar.”



# Community Solar: How renters can participate in ILSFA

Community solar is a great option for renters! Here's how it works:



**1.** Solar panels are installed somewhere in your utility territory.



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# Community Solar

## Community Solar Opportunities for Owners and Renters

Updated: 10/03/2022

Are you a renter? Do you own a home that isn't a good fit for solar panels?

Illinois Solar for All: Community Solar lets income-eligible homeowners and renters benefit from solar savings without having to install solar panels on their property.

Subscribing to a community solar project allows you to save money on electricity costs and support clean energy production.



### How it works:



### Ameren Territory

**Project Address:** 2300 E. Barr Avenue, Urbana, IL

**Contact Info:**

Email: [ilsfa@nexamp.com](mailto:ilsfa@nexamp.com)

[Nexamp Website](#)

*This project is entirely for income-eligible residents. This project accepts all residents who are income-eligible Ameren customers.*

### Other Solar Opportunities

ILSFA focuses on income-eligible households. Households that do not qualify for ILSFA can subscribe to community solar projects or receive incentives for a residential solar system through Illinois Shines. Please visit [IllinoisShines.com](http://IllinoisShines.com) to learn more.



# Program Access – Role of Approved Vendor

- Participants must work through an Approved Vendor to access ILSFA. The program does not allow households to install solar through non-qualified solar companies.
- All ILSFA projects are developed by Approved Vendors. Approved Vendors are vetted and approved by the Program Administrator and must meet rigorous program requirements, including quality workmanship, participant savings, and consumer protections.

