Community Solar Sovereignty Grant Program Application

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| 1 | Applicant Name | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 2 | Type of organization | Community based organization  Public entity  Technical service provider |
| **Community-based Organizations Only (Question 3)** | | |
| 3 | Please verify that your organization meets the following eligibility requirements by checking the boxes that apply. (NOFO Section C,1,A) | The majority of the governing body and staff consists of local residents.  The main operating offices are in the community.  Priority issue areas are identified and defined by residents.  Solutions to address priority issues are developed with residents.  Program design, implementation, and evaluation components have residents intimately involved, in leadership positions. |
| **Public Entities Only (Question 4)** | | |
| 4 | Please check the boxes that apply to verify that your organization meets eligibility requirements. (NOFO Section C.1.B) | The public entity represents a municipality or county (or school district, park district, etc.) in a municipality or county in the bottom 25% of the state by population.  No local community-based organizations exist that are capable of filling this role.  The public entity provides robust community engagement. (e.g., priority issues are identified and defined by residents; solutions to address priority issues are developed with residents; and program design, implementation, and evaluation components have residents intimately involved, in leadership positions.) |
| **Technical Service Providers Only (Question 5 – 9)** | | |
| 5 | Do you have parent company or subsidiaries? (NOFO Section C.1.C) | Yes  No |
| 6 | If yes to #5, please describe structure and provide entity names. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 7 | Please describe your direct partnership with a community-based organization for this project. (NOFO Section C.1.A) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 8 | Business legal structure (check all that apply) (NOFO Section C.1.C) | Sole proprietorship  Partnership (limited partnership or limited liability partnership)  Limited Liability Company (LLC)  Cooperative  Corporation |
| **All Applicants (Questions 10 – 27)** | | |
| 9 | Annual revenue | 0-$100,000  $100,001-$500,000  $500,001-$1,000,000  $1,000,001-$10,000,000  $10,000,000+ |
| 10 | List the address(es) where the proposed project will be located | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 11 | Does the applicant own the project property/address(es)? | Yes  No |
| 12 | If no, do you have permission from the property owner to locate the project on the property? | Yes (provide lease/contract)  No |

13. Briefly describe the community(ies) this project will serve (including location) and the community needs this project will address and if the location is R3/EJ (search by address here [CEJA Grantee Map (arcgis.com)](https://univofillinois.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=358664c3554a4d6f8ec5125383903ebc&center=-88.6797;39.4912&level=6&hiddenLayers=de40fbeab4874bcd9cebe57d5eff93fd;5aeaa93ae13544aebaa64e382f43a292;05f60b6c60e640caa01b6dfc99c73269;72901084297a4bdb81c9030d9b1c1e67;16e7695a41c94d12b647101445457ada;76c1b587ba7940feb92b5d3b993445cf;87b44f3561794bd58800fe7629ab9108) (up to 500 words) (see NOFO Section A, Program Description and Section D,2)

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14.Briefly describe your organization’s historical or future partnership with the community where the project will be located and the length of that partnership (up to 250 words). (See NOFO Section A, Program Description and description of letters of support in Section D.2)

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15.Please describe the size and scope of the community solar project(s) you are proposing. If known, please estimate the installed capacity of the solar project (kW). ((See NOFO Section C.1.C)

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16.Describe the ownership model you are pursuing. How will the project support cooperative or community ownership of the project (including long-term governance, management and maintenance)? (up to 300 words). (See NOFO Section C.1.C and Section D.2 project quality)

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17.Describe the other local community benefits that the project will accomplish, including wealth building via community renewable generation and additional benefits for low-income households. (See NOFO Section D,2 project description and Section E.1 project quality)

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| 18 | Funding may be requested for one or both of the following project phases: Phase 1: planning and feasibility, and Phase 2: pre-development construction. (See NOFO Section A, Program Description: “Grant funds may be used…”; and Performance Goals and Measures) | |
| Check the Phase 1 activities for which you are requesting funding. (Check all that apply) | Early-stage project planning  Project team organization  Site identification  Organizing a project business model  Customer outreach  Preliminary site assessments  Development of cooperative or community ownership model or project models that allocate benefits to equity investment eligible communities.  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Check the Phase 2 activities for which you are requesting funding (Check all that apply). | Procurement and contracting  Securing financing  Customer outreach and enrollment  Permitting and zoning  Interconnection application costs and fees, studies and expenses  Equipment and supplies  Staff and operations expenses  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 19 | Does the project include the sale of energy production? | Yes  No  Maybe/unsure |
| 20 | If yes, or maybe/unsure describe how the applicant will sell energy to customers and remain commercially viable upon project completion. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 21 | Which of the following incentive or grant programs have you applied to or plan to apply to for this project, if any? | Illinois Solar for All (**https://www.illinoissfa.com/**)  Illinois Shines (Adjustable Block Program - **https://illinoisshines.com/become-an-equity-eligible-contractor-eec-approved-vendor-or-designee/)**  Illinois Climate Bank (Illinois Finance Authority - **https://www.il-fa.com/programs/cb**)  Community Development Block Grants (**https://dceo.illinois.gov/communitydevelopment.html**)  Community renewable generation projects through the Illinois Power Agency  Renewable energy procurements through the Illinois Power Agency.  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 22 | How will your organization leverage partnerships and/or the programs chosen in Question 21 to improve the cost effectiveness/return on investment on the project? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 23 | What is the estimated total number of months required to complete the project? | Phase 1 activities: Click or tap here to enter text.  Phase 2 activities: Click or tap here to enter text. |

24. Provide brief bios of the key staff who will be assigned to this project, their roles, and percentage time they will spend on the project. Indicate any anticipated new hires and include job descriptions of the anticipated positions and/or description of any business/organizations or contractor partnerships currently in place or plan to develop. (Up to 500 words) (see NOFO Section D.2, Staffing & Workforce Development and Letters of Support).

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25. Provide details about how your project will support the growth of the clean energy workforce in Illinois and any connections you have to the CEJA or FEJA workforce programs (up to 500 words). (See NOFO Section D.2)

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26. In order to describe the cost efficiency and effectiveness of the planned activities and projected outcomes, please describe how your organization developed the project budget and budget narrative to demonstrate cost efficiency and effectiveness measures (i.e. price comparisons of supplies/materials or lease/purchase of land, energy production research, or design/engineer selection, etc.) (up to 500 words) (see NOFO Section D.2)  
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Supplemental documentation (please check any attached)

* Property ownership document OR document demonstrating applicant’s authority to make site improvements.
* Letter(s) of support from community leaders and stakeholders documenting their support for the project and the community needs it will address (optional but recommended)
* For Phase 2 projects: Design or construction documents that provide details of the project, if available. These may be provided after Phase 1 activities are complete if submitting application for Phase 1 and Phase 2. If only submitting Phase 2 application, documentation of the prior planning and feasibility must be provided as supporting documents in the initial application.
* Quotes used for budget estimates, if available (examples: preconstruction budget, proposals/estimates). These documents may be provided after Phase 1 activities are complete, if submitting application for Phase 1 and Phase 2~~.~~ If only submitting Phase 2 application, documentation of quotes can be included if available to support your application.