

2021 Large Solar Project Application

Please review, fill out, and submit all pages of this application for consideration. The City of Minneapolis reserves the right to revoke the grant money if the customer or contractor violates program rules and procedures. The City of Minneapolis is not liable for grants promised to customers because of a contractor misrepresenting this grant program.

Overview:

The City of Minneapolis is happy to announce a special incentive for large solar arrays greater than 100 kilowatts-direct current (kW-DC) based on a solar array's first year estimated kilowatt hour (kWh) production.

Incentive Category	How to qualify for each incentive category	Incentive Rate (\$/kWh)	Funding Limit System Size ≥ 100 kW-DC
Base Rate	Any property in the city of Minneapolis that fulfills the program eligibility criteria	\$0.25 per estimated annual kWh production	Starting July, 2021 \$100,000
Environmental Justice Rate	Any qualifying property; 1. In a Minneapolis Green Zone 2. In a Minneapolis Great Street Eligible Priority Area 3. Participating in the 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program, or other income qualified housing program approved by the Health Department	\$0.40 per estimated annual kWh production	
Minneapolis Forward	Use the space provided in the application questions to explain the damage to your property from the civil unrest during the summer of 2020		

While we try to fund all projects, funds are limited. Use this application to demonstrate the competitiveness of your project. After each deadline, applications are reviewed and ranked by a third-party panel of experts in the energy field. Priority will be given to projects that qualify for the Environmental Justice or Minneapolis Forward rate.

Special Stimulus Funding Deadline: August 15, 2021

(Any additional deadline will be announced on the Green Cost Share website)

Solar Cost Share Program Rules and Process:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Solar projects applying for a grant must;
 - Be a commercial, multifamily (+4 Units), or industrial property located within the City of Minneapolis.
Or be enrolled in the City's 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program.
 - Not already started construction of the solar array
- Applications limited to one project per master (tax) parcel. If you are applying for multiple projects on different master (tax) parcels, please fill out a separate application for each project.
- Applicant must be building owner, property manager, or Community Solar Developer leasing or purchasing the solar array

How to Apply:

- Fill out Green Cost Share Application.
- Attach to Application: A PVWatts calculator report. Visit pvwatts.nrel.gov to find the online calculator.
- Email Cost Share Application and PVWatts report to GreenCostShare@minneapolismn.gov.

When Awarded a Cost Share:

- Sign up as a [supplier](#) with the City of Minneapolis.
- Take a before picture for the property and send them to GreenCostShare@minneapolismn.gov.
- Begin the Cost Share contracting process at most 90 days after receiving a program acceptance email. If you do not communicate to the city that the project is moving forward within 90 days of acceptance the city will reallocate the funding to another project.

After Projects are Completed:

- All installations must be completed by the date specified in your Green Cost Share Agreement.
- Email the Items listed below to the city contract manager by date specified in your Green Cost Share Agreement. If more than one contractor is used, there must be complete sets of these documents for each contractor.
 - Before and after photographs highlighting the project(s).
 - Proof of final inspection by the City of Minneapolis for any work requiring a City permit.
 - Final paid invoice from the contractor or vendor showing the total project cost.
- Email just the city reimbursement invoice to submitinvoices@minneapolismn.gov
- City may take drone pictures of the completed solar installation as part of project verification.

Other Rules & Procedures:

- Funds are allocated based on what's approved in the application. In the event system size increases or decreases, applicant is responsible for working with their developer to submit updated documents to the city. Additional Cost Share funds must be approved by the program administrator.
- Applicant is responsible for arranging all the upfront project financing.
- Cost share funds can only be used to compensate for the estimated annual kWh production of the system.
- All work must meet City of Minneapolis, state, regional, and national zoning, building, and fire codes.
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that product purchases, equipment purchase and installation, or other work proposed have been completed satisfactorily before paying the contractor(s).

Application Procedure:



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Solar Cost Share Application

*Complete all sections on this application. * = Required*

Applicant Information:

Applicant Contact Name *: _____

Applicant Business Name *: _____

Applicant Business address *: _____

Phone *: _____ Email *: _____

Business Type (use drop down) *:

Applicant Demographics (Optional):

We want to better understand who our program is reaching and how to meet the unique needs of each business. Please check any boxes that apply to your business.

Business Ownership (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Alaskan Native Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to Answer or Not Applicable | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This business is a registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) | |

Developer Information *:

Fill out this section if you have a solar developer or general contractor that you wish to be included in communications with the City.

Developer: _____ Contact Name: _____

Contact email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

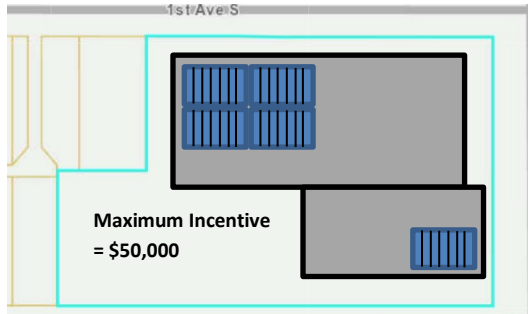
Additional Contact or Authorized Signer Contact:

If accepted to the program, applicants must sign a Green Cost Share agreement with the City. If the person that needs to sign the agreement is different than the applicant contact information fill out this section.

Additional Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Project Summary (5 Points)



Funding is limited to \$50,000 for each master (tax) parcel. Figure 1 shows an example of a single parcel with multiple arrays. You can use [Hennepin County's interactive property map](#) to determine the parcel your solar array(s) are located on.

If applying for multiple arrays on a single tax parcel, please add up the total for each array when filling in the application information below. Then attach a [PVWatts](#) report for each array to this application.

Project Address*:

Energy Savings*:

Est. Electricity
production (kWh/year) _____

Est. Project Size:
(kW-DC) _____

Funding Information*:

Requested Grant Funds: \$ _____

Est. Applicant Match: \$ _____ (Including any utility rebates or other grants)

Est. Total Project Cost: \$ _____ (Attach Any Estimates of Projects)

Application Questions* (95 points)

The answers to these questions will be used to prioritize funding distribution, and to describe the project in subsequent promotional material.

1. Is your property in any of the following priority areas or programs? (Check all that Apply):

- Project is within a [Green Zone](#) or [Great Street Eligible Priority Area](#): ☐ (25 Points)
- Project is a part of Minneapolis' [4d Affordable Housing Incentive](#) Program or other income qualified housing program (i.e. [Xcel's Income Qualified Solar* Rewards](#)): ☐ (25 Points)

2. What other incentives are you planning to apply to? (Check all that Apply): (5 Points)

- Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC): ☐
- Xcel Energy Solar*Rewards: ☐
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE): ☐
- Depreciation (MACR): ☐
- Other Grant(s): _____ ☐
- None of the Above: ☐

3. This year the Green Cost Share is supporting the City's Minneapolis Forward Initiatives to aid properties impacted by civil unrest. Follow the link to view an incomplete [list of affected properties](#). Check the box below if your building was significantly (>25%) impacted by the civil unrest, and use the space provided to explain the damage done to your property this summer.

☐ Yes, my building was significantly impacted by the civil unrest (15 Points)

4. Describe any energy efficiency measures you have taken or plan to take at this time. (10 Points)

5. In the Green Cost Share we want to prioritize projects that deliver direct benefits and energy savings to underserved communities. What, if any, benefits do this project provide to low-income, underserved, or energy burdened residents? Please describe how you will demonstrate that. (10 points)

Bonus Question for Developer

The Green Careers Exploration program aims to reduce disparities in income and employment, and build the local workforce needed to meet the city's climate change goals by preparing young adults for jobs in solar energy, energy efficiency, and other sustainable development fields.

6. Are you currently participating in the City's Green Careers Exploration Program or responded to the Green Careers Exploration Request for Application (RFA)? (5 Points) ☐ Yes ☐ No



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Thank you for completing your application!

We look forward to reviewing it. Decisions are made about 30 days following the application deadline. Any Application(s) submitted between deadlines will be reviewed at the same time as all other applications received by the deadline.

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