# Solar MAP Affordable Multifamily Housing Program

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Affordable Multifamily Network Presentation





### Team Introduction



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### Agenda



- Introduction to Green Bank
- Changes to Affordable Multifamily Housing Solar
- Solar Marketplace Assistance Program
- Battery Storage
- **❖** Q&A

### Mission & Vision



**Connecticut Green Bank** is the nation's first state level green bank. Established in 2011 as a quasi-public agency, the Green Bank uses limited public dollars to attract private capital investment and offers green solutions that help people, businesses and all of Connecticut thrive.

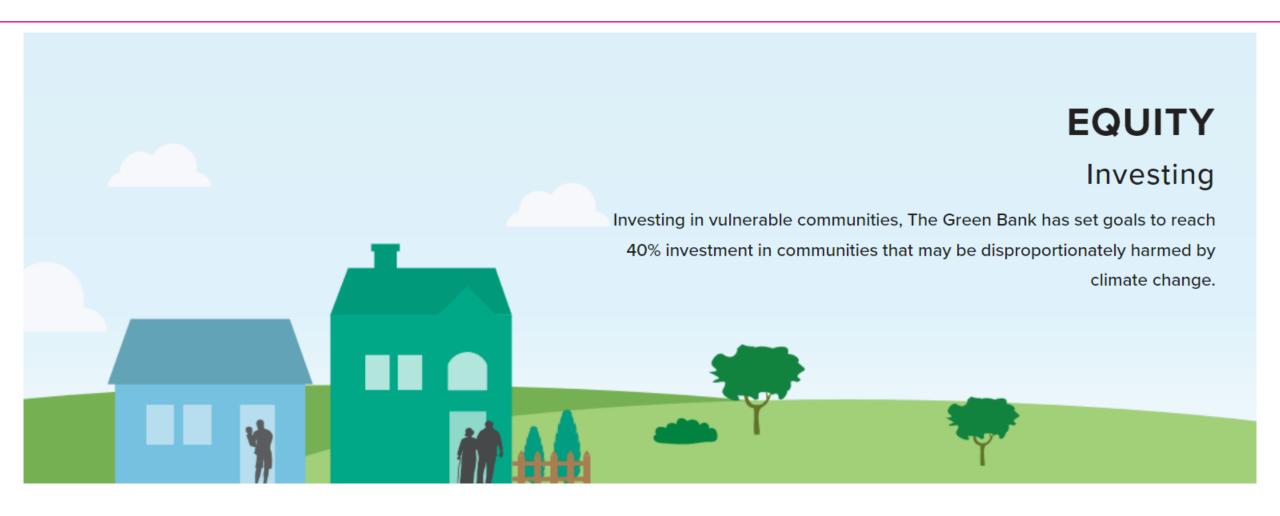
**Our mission** is to confront climate change by increasing and accelerating investment into Connecticut's green economy to create more resilient, healthier, and equitable communities.





### Investing in Vulnerable Communities





# Study: CT ranks 4th for most expensive electricity in U.S.



Rank	State	Annual Bill Estimate
1	Hawaii	\$3,450.55
2	Maine	\$2,383.75
3	Florida	\$2,367.14
4	Connecticut	\$2,362.28
5	Rhode Island	\$2,361.85
6	Maryland	\$2,265.19
7	California	\$2,196.94
8	Arizona	\$2,190.60
9	Nevada	\$2,132.50
10	Alabama	\$2,064.63

### Source:

https://www.hartfordbusiness.com/article/ study-ct-ranks-4th-for-most-expensiveelectricity-in-us

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# Overview Of How Affordable Multifamily Housing Projects Were Previously Developed



- Projects were treated as "commercial" and participated in the State's Commercial Incentive Program, Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (NRES)
  - Long process subject to the bidding cycle of the program (1-2 times/ year)
  - Competitive solicitation
  - Capped capacity, limiting the number of projects per year
- Typically designed to offset common area meters only
- Financial benefit provided to the property owner NOT the tenants

### Affordable Multifamily Clean Energy Generation In Statute



The definition of a residential customer was expanded to include affordable multifamily, specifically:

A multifamily dwelling consisting of five or more units, provided in the case of a multifamily dwelling consisting of five or more units, (i) not less than sixty percent of the units of the multifamily dwelling are occupied by persons and families with income that is not more than sixty per cent of the area median income for the municipality in which it is located, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (ii) such multifamily dwelling is determined to be affordable housing by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Housing, Connecticut Green Bank, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### State Level Incentive: Residential



- Now Affordable Multifamily properties are treated as "residential" and can access the Residential
  incentive program, Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (RRES)
  - Residential Tariff is higher than the alternative commercial tariff
    - **\$0.3739/kWh** VS ~\$0.20/kWh
  - There is no cap on the number of Residential Tariff projects
  - One project to benefit all tenants and common space

### What is "Affordable"?



### **Statutory Definition**

Not less than sixty percent of the units of the multifamily dwelling are occupied by persons and families with income that is not more than sixty percent of the area median income

#### Tier One

- Property participates in the LIHTC Program
- Property contains a majority of households earning 80 percent or less of AMI
  - This encompasses many CHFA and DOH administered programs which participation in will make a property eligible

#### **Tier Two**

66% of residents have a household income at or below 60% of SMI

#### **Tier Three**

• Agency group reviews and recommends eligibility of individual properties

### **Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH)**

Households earning less than 80% of AMI in HUD Qualified Census Tract Properties

### Breakdown of Properties on the Tier 1 List

# of Units	# of Properties
500+	3
250 - 500	27
100 - 249	192
25 - 99	753
5 - 25	368

## State Incentive: Financial Benefit Must Be Shared with Residents



- Requirement that a portion of the financial benefit be shared with the tenants of the facility
- Individually metered units: Tenants receive on-bill credits on their utility bill (20% of the tariff)
- Master metered sites: currently proposed that 25% of the tariff value must be set aside up front for an immediate energy improvement to the facility. \*Program rules have not yet been finalized – expected by EOY 2024.\*

Eligible property upgrades:

- (1) energy efficient windows or doors;
- (2) insulation;
- (3) energy efficient appliances;
- (4) heat pumps;
- (5) energy storage (if such storage enrolls in the Energy Storage Solutions Program);
- (6) broadband internet access (if such interest access is provided freely to tenants);
- (7) lead remediation or removal of environmental hazards such as asbestos necessary to enable energy efficiency upgrades; and
- 8) energy efficient lighting

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### Federal Incentives



#### Inflation Reduction Act

- -Passed at the end of 2022
- -Largest investment in climate and energy in American History
- -Creates the opportunity for projects to qualify for specific bonus investment tax credits
- -Goal: to accelerate the US green energy transition

#### Base ITC

The base investment tax credit (ITC) value is 30%

Potential Qualifying ITC Bonuses:

Energy Community Bonus – 10%

Low-Income Bonus – 10%

Qualified Low-Income Residential Project – 20%

Domestic Content – 10%

### Category 3 ITC Bonus Qualified Low-Income Residential Project



Participation in a covered housing program makes the project eligible for a 20% Low Income ITC Bonus. Programs include:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly, including the direct loan program under Section 202;
- HUD's Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities;
- HUD's Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program;
- HUD's homeless programs under title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, including the Emergency Solutions Grants program, the Continuum of Care program, and the Rural Housing Stability Assistance program;
- HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program;
- Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage insurance under Section 221(d)(3) subsidized with a below-market interest rate (BMIR) prescribed in the proviso of Section 221(d)(5) of the National Housing Act;
- HUD's Section 236 interest rate reduction payments;
- HUD Public Housing assisted under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937:
- HUD tenant-based and project-based rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937;
- HUD Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program;
- HUD Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program for Homeless Individuals;
- USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing;
- USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing;
- USDA Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing:
- USDA Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant Program;
- Treasury/IRS Low-Income Housing Credit under section 42 of the Code;

- HUD's National Housing Trust Fund;
- Veterans Administration's (VA) Comprehensive Service Programs for Homeless Veterans;
- VA's grant program for homeless veterans with special needs;
- VA's financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing; and/or
- Department of Justice transitional housing assistance grants for victims of

Section 48(e)(2)(B)(i) also includes the following Federal housing programs:

- Housing assistance programs administered by the USDA under title V of the Housing Act of 1949; and/or
- Housing programs administered by an Indian Tribe or a Tribally designated housing entity (as defined in section 4(22) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103(22)).





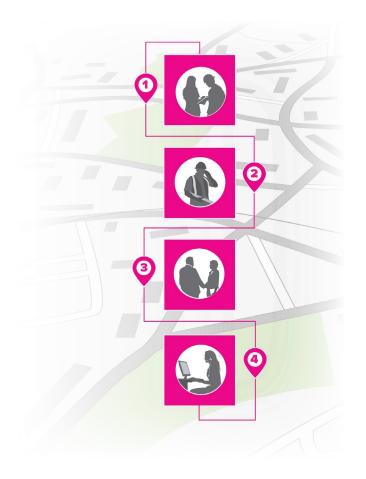






## Less work. More benefits. Now even easier for property owners.

- No-cost technical support and project development support
- 60+ Municipal and State Agency projects developed to date
- Program has recently been expanded to include affordable multifamily housing
- Flexible financing with no upfront investment



### Program Steps



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- **Site Analysis.** The Solar MAP team works with stakeholders to perform an analysis of all eligible locations to **identify opportunities** for solar projects

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- Project Development. We conduct site visits, confirm project eligibility, and develop system designs for each project to determine project economics.
- 3
- **Execute**. We present project specs and pricing to execute a project agreement.
- 4

**Trusted Partner**. We solicit **competitive proposals** from solar contractors and select the best, **bundling participating projects together** to achieve economies of scale. After a qualified contractor is selected, the team **manages all final steps** of development, construction, and energization of the project. This process includes submittal for eligible **state and federal incentives**.

## Multifamily Affordable Housing Green Bank Solar Lease

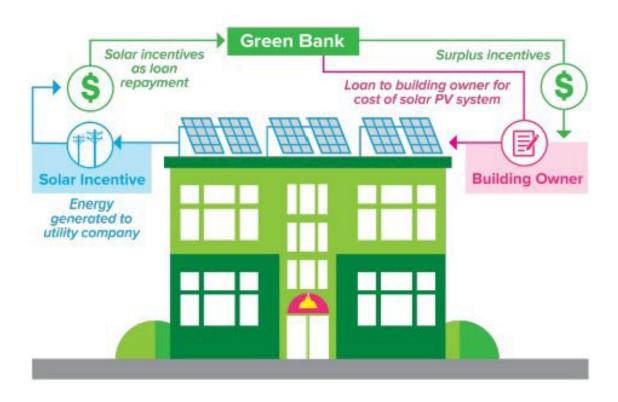




- Affordable housing sites are typically debt-constrained properties, requiring an off-balance sheet approach to solar development
- No capital requirement from property owner
- Tenants receive credits on their electric bill from production (i.e., RRES)
- Green Bank owns and maintains asset, and bears risk

## Multifamily Affordable Housing Green Bank Solar Loan





#### Benefits of the loan:

- Retain a higher portion of the tariff value
- Directly monetize the available tax credits for the solar project

## Additional factors that impact project economics



- Roof size
- Building + Meter configuration
- Exposure to the sun (and therefore how much energy your system produces)
- How much energy is consumed across all units + common area meters
- Building Type: high rise, garden style, etc.
- # of units
- Inclusion of battery storage
- Required Upgrades:
  - Interconnection Upgrades
  - Structural Upgrades
  - Roof Repair or Replacement Prior to Install

### Sample Project Economics



Project Description	ITC	Year 1 Prope Owner Reve		Year 1 Res	sidents	Year 1 Per Revenue	Tenant	mulative nefit
294.4 kW Solar	30%	\$ 2	24,865	\$	26,095	\$	168	\$ 960,200
294.4 kW Solar	50%	\$ 3	33,929	\$	33,929	\$	219	\$ 1,278,580



## Sample Project Economics



Project Description	ITC	ar 1 Property ner Revenue	R	Year 1 esidents Revenue	'ear 1 Per Tenant Revenue
298kw Solar	30%	\$ 12,588	\$	23,976	\$ 235
298kw Solar	50%	\$ 27,213	\$	27,213	\$ 267
298kw Solar + Storage	30%	\$ 7,505	\$	23,976	\$ 235
298kw Solar + Storage	50%	\$ 25,895	\$	25,895	\$ 254





## Sample Project Schedule

Mon 6/12/23

58%

Electrical Long Lead

Items

90 days



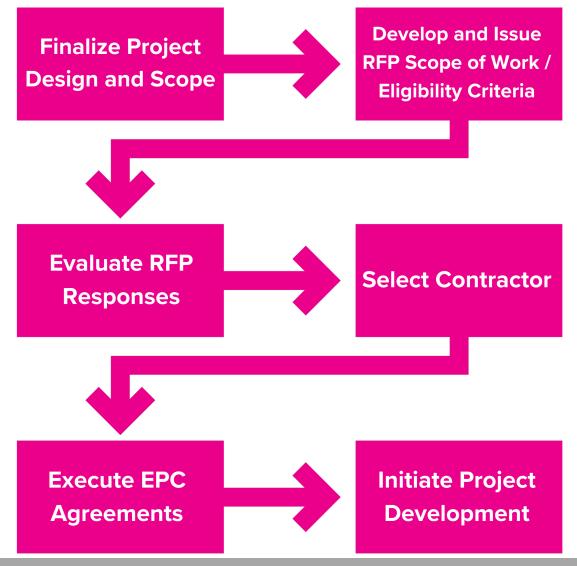
Notice to proceed	0 days	Tue 2/28/23	100%	Tue 2/28/23	Construction	54 days	Mon 9/11/23	0%	Wed 11/22/23
Engineering	86 Days?	Tue 2/28/23	100%	Tue 6/27/23	Mobilize Site	5 days	Mon 9/11/23	0%	Fri 9/15/23
Proposal Process	5 days	Tue 2/28/23	100%	Mon 3/6/23	Array Installation	20 days	Mon 9/18/23	0%	Fri 9/15/23
Engineers Contracted	6 days	Tue 3/7/23	100%	Tue 3/14/23	Electrical Installation	20 days	Wed 10/11/23	0%	Tue 11/7/23
Site Visits	10 days	Wed 3/15/23	100%	Tue 3/28/23	Final Gear	4 days	Thu 10/12/23	0%	Tue 10/17/23
One Line	1 day?	Wed 3/1/23	100%	Wed 3/1/23	Installation				
Structural Report	25 days	Wed 3/29/23	100%	Tue 5/2/23	Shutdown	1 day	Sat 11/11/23	0%	Sat 11/11/23
Racking Drawings	20 days	Wed 5/3/23	100%	Tue 5/30/23	Mechanical Completion	1 day	Mon 11/13/23	0%	Mon 11/13/23
Permit Set	20 days	Wed 5/31/23	100%	Tue 6/27/23	Muni Inspections	5 days	Mon 11/13/23	0%	Fri 11/17/23
Interconnection	92 days	Thu 3/2/23	100%	Fri 7/7/23	Commissioning Visit	2 days	Tue 11/14/23	0%	Wed 11/15/23
Application Process	92 days	Thu 3/2/23	100%	Fri 7/7/23					
Subcontractor Procurement	15 days	Wed 6/23/23	100%	Mon 7/17/23	Mechanical Complete Certific	5 days	Thu 11/16/23	0%	Wed 11/22/23
Proposals	10 days	Wed 6/28/23	100%	Mon 7/10/23	Closeout	21 days	Thu 11/23/23	0%	Thu 12/21/23
Contracting	5 days	Tue 7/11/12	100%	Mon 7/17/23	Utility Witness Test	1 day	Thu 11/23/23	0%	11/23/23
Permitting	23 days	Fri 6/23/23	100%	Mon 7/24/23	Utility PTO	10 days	Fri 11/24/23	0%	Thu 12/7/23
Building & Electrical	23 days	Fri 6/23/23	100%	Mon 7/24/23	Commissioning/COD	10 days	Fri 12/8/23	0%	Thu 12/21/23
Procurement	358 days	Wed 6/1/22	81%	Wed 10/11/23	Closeout	10 days	Fri 12/8/23	0%	Thu 12/21/23
Racking	30 days	Mon 7/31/23	55%	Fri 9/8/23	Documentation				
Modules	160 days	Wed 6/1/22	100%	Tue 1/10/23					
Inverters	30 days	Mon 7/31/12	55%	Fri 9/8/23					
Monitoring System	30 days	Mon 6/12/23	100%	Thu 7/20/23					

Wed 10/11/23

## Competitive Solicitation With Our Contractor Network







## **Energy Storage Solutions**





## Program Design



Program Element	Design Item	Summer	Winter	
	Events per Season	All non-holiday weekdays (~60)	N/A	
Upfront Incentive	Months	June, July & August	N/A	
(Passive Dispatch)	Event Duration	5 Hours	N/A	
	Anticipated Dispatch Window	3 PM to 8 PM	N/A	
	Events per Season	30 to 60	1 to 5	
Performance-Based Incentive	Months	June through September	November through March	
(Active Dispatch)	Event Duration	1 - 3 hours	1 - 3 hours	
	Anticipated Dispatch Window	Noon to 9 PM (All Days)	Noon to 9 PM (All Days)	

### **Commercial Incentives**



Upfront Incentive Levels (Installed 2022-2024)*								
Customer Class	Small C&I	Medium C&I	Large C&I					
Peak Demand <200 kW		200-500 kW	>500 kW					
Step 2 Incentive Rates	\$200/kWh	\$175/kWh	\$100/kWh					
Priority Customer Adder	+25%	+25%	+25%					

Performance Incentive Levels (Installed 2022-2024)						
Summer, Years 1-5 Winter, Years 1-5 Summer, Years 6-10 Winter, Yea						
\$200/kW	\$25/kW	\$115/kW	\$15/kW			

<sup>\*</sup>Upfront Incentive capped at 50% of total cost

### Residential Incentives



Upfront Incentive Levels (Installed 2022-2024)*								
Capacity Block (MW)	Standard	ndard Underserved I						
10	\$250/kWh	\$450/kWh	\$600/kWh					
15	\$212.5/kWh	\$450/kWh	\$600/kWh					
25	\$162.5/kWh	\$450/kWh	\$600/kWh					
Grid-Edge Adder	+50%	+50%	+50%					

<sup>\*</sup>Residential Upfront Incentive capped at \$16,000 or 50% of total cost (whichever is less), per residential unit

### Sample Incentive Calculation



Project Description	Sample Cost (total)	Sample Cost (per unit)	Upfront Incentive (per unit)	Upfront Incentive (total)	10-year Performance Incentive
1927 kW, 3854 kWh, 200 units	\$3,219,386.00	\$16,096.93	\$8,048.47*	\$1,609,693.00*	\$1,244,782

- Low-Income/AMFH rate: \$600/kWh
- Upfront Incentive capped at 50% of cost, per unit
- 10-year performance incentive estimate is in nominal USD

\*Residential Upfront Incentive capped at \$16,000 or 50% of total cost (whichever is less), per residential unit

### Applying for Incentives



Become an Energy Storage Solutions Eligible Contractor. Get in touch with an Eligible Contractor at energystoragect.com/eligible-contractors/

**Submit an initial application.** Apply for incentives through the Energy Storage Solutions contractor portal. Ensure the BESS is on the Eligible Equipment list.

Await approval and Reservation of Funds (ROF). Green Bank staff will review the initial application for basic project and site information. If approved, an ROF letter will be issued.

**Submit Completion Application after BESS installation.** Submit a Completion Application with site verification information through the ESS portal.

Await payment and Confirmation of Funds (COF). The Green Bank will issue payment of the Upfront Incentive once the Completion Application is approved and the BESS connection is confirmed.

### **Questions & Answers**



Email us at info@ctgreenbank.com or visit https://www.ctgreenbank.com

### Link to schedule a meeting:

https://calendly.com/d/5j7-3jf-vyj/intro-call-solar-map-affordable-multifamily-solar

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## Thank you for attending!



