



Non-Profit Organizations and Public Facilities

Installing solar panels at your non-profit organization or public facility can save you money on your electric bills. Illinois Solar for All makes it easy for your organization to see solar savings.

What is Illinois Solar for All?

Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) brings the benefits of solar energy to income-eligible households, and the non-profit organizations and public facilities that serve them. ILSFA provides incentives for affordable on-site solar projects at eligible non-profit or public facility properties with **guaranteed savings on electric bills**. The State of Illinois offers this program to meet its renewable energy goals and to bring the expansion of solar energy to income-eligible and environmental justice communities throughout Illinois.

ILSFA vets all solar companies that participate in the program, which are called Approved Vendors. The Approved Vendor you select will work with your organization to design and install solar panels and ensure you see savings month after month.

Can my organization participate?

Your organization must meet all of the below criteria to be eligible for ILSFA:

- The property is within either a qualified ILSFA environmental justice or income-eligible community.
- The property is occupied by a Critical Service Provider—a non-profit or public entity that offers critical services (including hospitals, houses of worship, senior centers, food pantries, and libraries). For a public facility, the building must host a department or agency that is a Critical Service Provider.



Monthly Energy Value

Average retail rate: 10 cents per kWh
Monthly production from solar project: 1,000 kWh
Energy value: 10 cents x 1,000 kWh = \$100 in reduced electricity charges each month (from both avoided usage and bill credits)

Yearly Energy Value

Average retail rate: 10 cents per kWh
Yearly production from solar project: 12,000 kWh
Energy value: 10 cents x 12,000 kWh = \$1,200 in reduced electricity charges every year

These savings assumptions are intended to provide a high-level example based on average retail electricity rates. Individual savings will vary. If your monthly credits are greater than your total electricity supply bill, those credits may roll over to the next month.

- The non-profit or public entity can demonstrate community engagement.

If you're not eligible for ILSFA, the Illinois Shines solar incentive program may be an option. Visit IllinoisShines.com for more information.

How much can I save?

Illinois Solar for All helps your organization save money by providing affordable solar projects that reduce your electricity bills. Because your organization will use electricity

generated from the solar project, you pay less in electric bills. If you generate more electricity than you use, that electricity is sent back to the electric grid. When this happens, you receive a bill credit for that energy, also known as net metering credits.

The program uses state and utility funding to pay incentives to Approved Vendors to plan and install your solar project with guaranteed savings on your organization's energy costs.

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ILSFA guarantees that all qualified participants see savings on their energy bills. Your fees cannot be more than half of the value you see from the energy produced from the on-site solar project.

How does this work?

Above is an example of how ILSFA can help lower an organization's electricity bill by \$600 annually. In this example, the total costs and fees for your solar project will **not** exceed half of your yearly savings. So you will not pay more than \$600 in costs.

What savings will my organization see?

It depends on the answers to some of these questions:

- **What is the average rate per kWh the organization currently pays for electricity?** The higher the electricity rate you currently pay, the more money you can potentially save. You can check your utility bill to see your current rate.
- **Is the roof good for solar?** The direction your roof faces, its angle, and how much shade it gets will affect how much electricity a roof-mounted solar project will generate.
- **Is the site right for solar?** For ground-mounted systems, the area or land where the system would be installed should have no obstructions, flooding, or contamination.
- **How much electricity will the system generate?** Sharing your electricity usage history with an Approved Vendor will help them optimize your system. They will design a project that fits your building's historical electricity use.
- **Can I use the Federal Investment Tax Credit?** Non-profit organizations and public facilities

cannot take advantage of tax credits. However, your Approved Vendor may be able to and, if so, they must pass some of the benefit to you by providing at least 65% savings on energy value.

- **How long does my organization expect to stay in this location?**

If you lease or sign a power purchase agreement, you may be required to buy out the contract if you move.

What options do I have for solar?

You'll work with an Approved Vendor to plan and install a customized on-site solar project at your organization. The project will directly serve and benefit the energy needs of the qualified participating non-profit or public facility. Here are the most common options:

System purchase

You purchase the solar system and the energy produced from it is credited on your electricity bill.

System lease

You lease the solar system, and the energy it produces creates credits on your electricity bill.

Power purchase agreement

You purchase the electricity from the system owner. The project is on your organization's property but is owned by someone else.

For all options, ILSFA **guarantees** a minimum savings requirement on your organization's electricity costs.

How does ILSFA ensure safe and fair business practices?

ILSFA vets all Approved Vendors that participate in the program. They have

the necessary technical skills and follow stringent guidelines to ensure a transparent, safe, and positive experience for every participant. You'll receive a variety of protections, including:

Guaranteed savings

ILSFA ensures that your organization will see savings on energy bills. The dollar amount of savings will vary from project to project.

Standard disclosure forms

Approved Vendors must present standard disclosure forms before any work begins. These disclosure forms provide important information on **exactly how much your organization will pay** and **how much your organization will save**. You can even use the disclosure forms to compare offers from different Approved Vendors.

Fourteen days to cancel your contract without penalty

Complaints

If you do have a complaint related to the solar project or the program, you can first try to resolve the problem with your Approved Vendor. If you can't agree on how to solve the problem, please contact the Program Administrator at info@IllinoisSFA.com or 1-888-970-ISFA (English or Spanish). If you have been subject to fraudulent or deceptive sales practices, the Illinois Attorney General's office may be able to help: illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/File-A-Complaint.

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