



Illinois Solar for All

**ILSFA Project Selection Protocol
Feedback Session**

September 19, 2022

Project Selection Protocol Changes

- Public Act 102-0662 (Climate and Equitable Jobs Act)
- Illinois Power Agency 2022 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan
- The two documents above contained new program requirements
- The Project Selection Protocol document only reflects changes due to these new program requirements



Project Selection Protocol Changes

The major changes focus on incorporating the two concepts below:

1. The transition from one Residential Solar sub-program to two, one for 1-4 unit buildings (Small) and one for 5+ unit buildings (Large)
2. The addition of a 25% carveout requirement for Energy Sovereignty projects

Minor changes associated with the above were also made

- Participant-Friendly names were created to refer to the now four sub-programs
- Carveouts were designated for the two 25% requirements, Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs) and Energy Sovereignty (ES), with the remaining funding being designated as Non-reserved
- There are now four selection stages, EJC, ES, Income-Eligible (IE) and General, in that order



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Participant-Friendly Names

Formal Names	Participant-Friendly Names
Low-Income Single-Family and Small Multifamily Solar (formerly Low-Income Distributed Generation, 1-4 units)	Illinois Solar for All: Residential Solar (Small)
Low-Income Single-Family and Large Multifamily Solar (formerly Low-Income Distributed Generation, 5+ units)	Illinois Solar for All: Residential Solar (Large)
Low-Income Community Solar	Illinois Solar for All: Community Solar
Non-Profit and Public Facilities	Illinois Solar for All: Non-Profit and Public Facilities

Income-Eligible Communities

- Terminology has also been updated from “Low-Income Communities,” as defined by the 2022 Long-Term Plan (a census tract where at least half of households are not exceeding 80% AMI) to “Income-Eligible Communities.” The Income-Eligible Communities map and address look-up tool are available on the ILSFA Website.



Environmental Justice Regional Score Update

- Scores based on project location for Program Years 1-4
- Non-Profit and Public Facilities Sub-program: No change from last year
- Community Solar Sub-program: In Program Year 4, one project was selected in the South region, so points for that region dropped from 1 to 0

Program Year 5 Environmental Justice Regional Scores

	ILSFA SUB-PROGRAM	
REGION	Non-Profit and Public Facility	Community Solar
Cook	2	2
Northeast	0	0
Northwest	1	1
West Central	0	0
East Central	0	0
South	0	0



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Energy Sovereignty

- The requirements for a project to qualify as an Energy Sovereignty project are detailed in the updated Approved Vendor Manual (not in the Project Selection Protocol document), which will be posted with changes and a webinar scheduled for stakeholder comments.
- Energy Sovereignty projects will have a score of 2 points in the Environmental Justice Community (EJC), Income-Eligible (IE) and General selection stages.

Residential Solar Sub-program Funding

- The two Residential Solar sub-programs, Small and Large, keep an equal split of the total Residential Solar budget for the first nine months of the program year.
- After the ninth month, any remaining funds in either Residential Solar sub-program will be combined and used for any remaining projects in either sub-program.



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Sub-program Carveouts

- The 25% Carveout for Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs), is only available for projects located within EJCs and the carveout remains in full for the entire program year (no change)
- During the first nine months of the program year, the 25% Carveout for Energy Sovereignty (ES) is only available for projects that promote energy sovereignty
- After the ninth month, any remaining ES Carveout will be reduced by the value of any projects selected during the EJC Stage that also qualify as promoting energy sovereignty, and that reduced ES Carveout balance will remain available only for eligible ES projects for the rest of the program year. The amount of the reduction becomes Non-reserved funds.



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Examples

Sub-program budget	\$ 1,000,000.00			
EJC Carveout	\$ 250,000.00			
ES Carveout	\$ 250,000.00			
Non-reserved	\$ 500,000.00			
	Project Value	Carveout remaining	Non-reserved funds remaining	Value of selected projects that also are ES
EJC Selection Stage				
Projects selected	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
ES Selection Stage				
Projects selected	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	
IE Selection stage				
Projects selected	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 300,000.00	
General Selection Stage				
Projects selected	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	
After nine months				
EJC Carveout		\$ 50,000.00		
ES Carveout		\$ 25,000.00		
Non-reserved funds			\$ 125,000.00	
Funds left	\$ 200,000.00			
Total	\$ 1,000,000.00			



Request for Comments

Responses

Due: Friday, September 23

Submit responses to: comments@IllinoisSFA.com

- We welcome comments from both ILSFA stakeholders and other interested parties.
- We will publish responses on the [ILSFA website](#).
- A commenter may designate any portion of its response as confidential. Please provide both public and redacted versions.
- Independent of that designation, if the Program Administrator determines that a response contains confidential information that should not be disclosed, it reserves the right to provide its own redactions.

