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# **Illinois Solar for All Project Selection Protocol Guidance Document**

PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2025

# Project Selection Overview

When the Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) program opens for project applications, an initial project submission window of ten business days will allow the Approved Vendor to submit projects in each of the four sub-programs: Residential Solar (Small), Residential Solar (Large), Community Solar, and Non-Profits and Public Facilities. After the close of the initial project submission window, the Program Administrator will review project submissions for completeness of documentation and project eligibility. Only projects determined to be complete and eligible will proceed within the project selection process.

## Sub-Program Carveouts

Within each sub-program there are two carveouts which promote statutory priorities within Illinois Solar for All:

### **1. Environmental Justice Communities:**

At least 25% of the funding within each sub-program will be allocated to projects located in ILSFA Environmental Justice Communities (EJC). If project selection is not required, these funds are available only for projects located within EJC's for the entire program year as submitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **2. Energy Sovereignty:**

At least 25% of the funding within each sub-program will be allocated to projects that promote energy sovereignty through ownership of projects by income-eligible households, not-for-profit organizations providing services to income-eligible households, affordable housing owners, community cooperatives, or community-based limited liability companies providing services to income-eligible households.

Non-Profit and Public Facilities and Community Solar projects: If project selection is not required for Non-Profit and Public Facilities and Community Solar projects, these funds are available only for projects that promote energy sovereignty through ownership as submitted on a first-come, first-served basis within nine months after the program application deadline. After the ninth month, any remaining funding will be reduced by the value of any projects selected from the EJC reserved funds that also qualify as promoting energy sovereignty, with the

balance remaining available in the Energy Sovereignty carveout for eligible projects for the rest of the program year.

Residential Solar (Small and Large) projects: If project selection is not required for Residential Solar (Small and Large) projects these funds will only be available on a first-come, first-served basis for projects that promote energy sovereignty through ownership, for the first six months following the program application deadline. Six months after the deadline for program applications, any remaining funds in the Energy Sovereignty reserved funds allocated for Residential Solar (Small or Large) projects that promote energy sovereignty will be made available for eligible projects for the rest of the program year.

### **3. Non-reserved:**

Each sub-program's remaining funds are designated as non-reserved funds and do not have any particular project attribute requirements.

Additionally, the equal split of the funding for the Residential Solar programs (Small and Large) is also maintained until March 1. Any remaining funds in the Residential Solar (Small or Large) sub-programs will be combined and used for any remaining projects in either sub-program.

## **When Project Selection is Necessary**

The Program Administrator will initiate Project Selection if the total incentive value of eligible applications exceeds the available funding in any of the three funds for each sub-program. If so, then projects in those sub-programs will be evaluated according to the Project Selection Protocol outlined below. If not, the Program Administrator will open a rolling submission window and review projects on a first-come, first-served basis. Selected projects are sent to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for approval.

### **ROLLING SUBMISSION WINDOW**

If the incentive value of eligible applications is less than the available funding within any of the sub-program's carveouts after the initial project submission window closes, then all eligible project applications within the respective reserved or non-reserved fund designations will be selected. Additional project applications in that sub-program will then be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the reserved and non-reserved fund requirements. Applicants may submit projects after the initial project application window closes until the earlier of (i) the end of the program year, or

(ii) when the Program Administrator announces that all sub-program funds have been allocated for that program year.

## **PROJECT SELECTION PROTOCOL**

If the project selection process is triggered for reserved funds, the process will begin with eligible projects categorized as either located in qualifying ILSFA Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs) or not.

If eligible projects in qualifying EJCs represent less than 25% of the incentive budget for that sub-program, all those projects will receive incentives with contracts sent to the ICC for approval. If eligible projects in qualifying EJCs represent more than 25% of the sub-program budget, the Program Administrator will follow the EJC project selection process described in the pages below.

Eligible projects that are not in qualified EJCs and eligible projects in qualified EJCs that were not chosen as part of the initial 25% EJC allocation will be categorized as either (i) promoting energy sovereignty or (ii) not promoting energy sovereignty. If eligible projects promoting energy sovereignty represent less than 25% of the incentive budget for that sub-program, all those projects will receive incentives with contracts sent to the ICC for approval. If eligible projects promoting energy sovereignty represent more than 25% of the sub-program budget, the Program Administrator will follow the Energy Sovereignty project selection process described in the pages below.

Finally, for remaining eligible projects that were not chosen through either the EJC reserved funds or the energy sovereignty reserved funds, if the total incentive value of all such projects represents less than the remaining non-reserved funds for that sub-program, all projects will receive incentives and contracts go to the ICC for approval. However, if the total incentive value of such projects represents more than the remaining non-reserved funds for that sub-program, the Program Administrator will follow the General Project Selection Process described in the following pages.

The General Project Selection Process first prioritizes projects located in a qualified ILSFA Income-Eligible Community, then projects that increase diversity by state region, system size category, or other key attributes that may or may not be specific to sub-programs. For all prioritization categories, the Program Administrator will score and weight projects on key attributes and make selections based on the highest to lowest score.

## Project Selection Protocol for the Residential Solar (Small and Large) Sub-Programs

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (“CEJA”) CEJA created two distinct residential sub-programs: the Residential Solar (Large, 5+ unit buildings) sub-program and the Residential Solar (Small, 1-4 unit buildings) sub-program. Although they are distinct, they share one set overall budget. In the [2024 Long-Term Plan](#), Section 8.5.3. states that although each sub-program will have its own budget allocation (50% of the total budget for each sub-program) for the first nine months of the program year, the two sub-program allocations will combine to be used on a first-come, first-served basis by projects of either size in months 10-12 of the program year. The nine months will begin at the start of the program year, allowing time at the end of the year for projects to receive funding, should any funding remain.

Therefore, for the first nine months of the program year, 50% of the program year budget will be allocated for 1-4 unit building projects and 50% allocated for 5+ unit building projects. If, at the end of nine months, there are applications from either sub-program that did not receive funding within the relevant onsite residential sub-program budget and there is funding remaining in the other residential sub-program budget, the funds will be released for any sized residential project.

If a Project Selection occurred for either sub-program that resulted in projects being placed on a waitlist, then projects on the waitlist that are not located in EJCs will only receive funding if 25% of the sub-program budget has already been allocated to projects within EJCs or for Energy Sovereignty projects.

Project selection will occur if the incentive value of total submitted projects in either of these two sub-programs exceeds any of the funding carveouts (EJC reserved, Energy Sovereignty reserved, and non-reserved) within that sub-program budget.

After project selection (if necessary), projects submitted during the subsequent rolling submission window will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, continuing to evaluate the 25% EJC reserved funds and 25% Energy Sovereignty reserved funds as well as the non-reserved funds.

New project applications may be submitted during the rolling submission window, and eligible projects will be approved or added to the waitlist as applicable, up until the time the Program Administrator announces that the sub-program budget capacity has been reached and announces the closing date of the rolling submission period.

## Scoring for Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE)

Points will be awarded to projects that are submitted by MWBE Approved Vendors, MWBE Approved Vendor Aggregators, or the MWBE Designees associated with them if the application comes from that Designee (henceforth referred to as Approved Vendors). MWBE status is defined as being registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body that is also approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates. An Approved Vendor that wishes to receive points based on its registration as an MWBE must submit an [ILSFA Approved Vendor Questionnaire](mailto:Vendors@IllinoisSFA.com) to [Vendors@IllinoisSFA.com](mailto:Vendors@IllinoisSFA.com).

In addition to Approved Vendors that are registered as MWBEs, an Approved Vendor working with MWBE subcontractors will receive points if the value of the subcontractor's contract on the project is 50% or more of the project's REC contract value. For a community solar project, the REC contract value will, for purposes of calculating that commitment, be based upon the REC contract value not including any small subscriber adder. To receive points in this case, the MWBE subcontractor must also complete the ILSFA Approved Vendor Questionnaire, and it must be submitted as a part of the Part I application.

To protect against gaming by an Approved Vendor hoping to receive more points at the time of project selection with no intent to uphold its MWBE commitments, the ILSFA REC contract requires Approved Vendors to ensure MWBE subcontractor commitments are ultimately delivered. ILSFA contracts provide that if an Approved Vendor fails to satisfy the minimum required MWBE contractual commitment, the contract (or product order, as applicable) will be rescinded prior to payment, including forfeiture of collateral. Any Approved Vendor that is awarded MWBE points based on the commitment of working with MWBE subcontractors must meet the minimum requirement of 50% of the contract value with the MWBE subcontractor as compared to the REC contract value. This will be verified based on invoices submitted as a part of the Part II submission. Although Approved Vendors may propose a higher percentage of participation, they will be held to the minimum percentage in the contract. Failure to do so could result in a project not being Part II approved and, therefore, no payment for REC would be made for the project.

These contract requirements are meant to prevent gaming within the project selection process. If the Project Selection Protocol is not utilized within a sub-program, Approved

Vendors are strongly encouraged, though not contractually required, to maintain the MWBE commitments made when the project is initially submitted.

## Anchor Tenant and Project Host Definitions

Projects will be scored based on a series of attributes, including Anchor Type and Project Host. “Anchor Type” refers to the entity that is serving as a project’s “anchor tenant,” which is not synonymous with the project’s “host.” For reference, these terms are defined and differentiated as follows:

**Anchor Tenant:** For Community Solar, an anchor tenant is defined as any ratepaying entity (including a business, a non-profit organization, or a public entity) that subscribes to a significant share (10% or more) of a community solar project. Community Solar projects may have, at most, one anchor tenant, identified at the time of project application. The anchor tenant may be changed any time following the applicable Trade Date by written request to the IPA and approved at the IPA’s reasonable discretion. Contract price may be affected based on this change as described in the contract. The anchor tenant’s subscription cannot be greater than 40% of the community solar system’s capacity. RECs associated with the anchor tenant’s share of the project will be paid at the currently applicable Adjustable Block Program price. Community Solar projects can be awarded additional points during project selection based on the type of identified anchor tenant, as explained in this Protocol.

**Project Host:** For Community Solar, a project host is defined as any entity that owns the site where the community solar project is installed. Community Solar projects can be awarded additional points during project selection if the project’s anchor tenant is a non-profit or public facility that also serves as the project host.

Normally, for a project to receive both the project host and anchor tenant points, the anchor tenant must receive electric utility service at the host location. If the host location does not currently have an electric utility service, the project may receive both anchor tenant and project host points if the anchor tenant and the project host are both owned by the same entity. For example, if a project is built on the rooftop of a non-profit host site, the anchor tenant’s subscription must be associated with the electric utility account for service at that site location. Conversely, if a project is built on vacant land owned by a non-profit host, any electric account associated with that same non-profit entity may be an anchor tenant and the project will receive both anchor tenant and project host points during project selection.

## Regional Environmental Justice Score Calculation

To promote a proportional distribution of solar projects and funding to EJCs, a Regional Environmental Justice Score will provide location points. The **Regional Environmental Justice Score** (Regional EJ Score) is calculated at the regional level to represent the distribution of projects in relation to the distribution of EJCs. The Regional EJ Score is calculated as follows:

For each of the [six state regions](#) (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, East Central, West Central, and Southern), the region's percentage of EJC households is calculated as the total number of households living in designated EJCs in that region divided by the total number of households living in designated EJCs in the state. The percentage of incentive dollars allocated to each region is calculated for LICS and for NP/PF sub-programs separately. The calculation for each sub-program is as follows: the dollar amount of all prior years' REC incentives awarded in that region divided by the total dollar amount of prior years' REC incentives awarded state-wide for each sub-program. The percentage of EJC households is then divided by the percentage of REC incentives to determine a Community Solar and an NP/PF Regional EJ Score. This score is used to assess points in Prioritization Stage 1 and Prioritization Stage 2 of the project selection for Community Solar and NP/PF. At this time, this Regional EJ Score will not be used for Residential Solar project selection.

## Funding Sources, Allocations and Rollover

Funding for ILSFA projects comes from two sources – utility-held funds collected from the Renewable Portfolio Standard riders and the Renewable Energy Resources Fund (RERF). The amount of funding allocated to each ILSFA sub-program from the two sources will be announced prior to the opening of the 2024-2025 project submission window, in an announcement posted on the ILSFA website and emailed to stakeholders. Projects' REC contracts will be funded solely with one or the other funding sources. Projects would generally be first funded by the utility funds. Each subsequent project would generally receive utility funds, until a selected project's incentive value exceeds the utility funds remaining. That project would instead receive RERF funds, and each subsequent selected project would follow the same process. Each project's incentive value would generally first be compared to the remaining utility funds to determine if there is enough budget remaining to fully fund it, and, if not, the project would receive RERF funding. When there are not sufficient funds available in either the utility fund or the RERF to fully fund the next selected project, the project will be designated as "utility-funded pending resizing." The next selected project will be designated as "RERF-



funded pending resizing.” Remaining projects will then be ordered (and randomized if required) to determine their place on the waitlist.

For those projects designated as utility- or RERF-funded pending resizing, the project’s Approved Vendor will be given the resizing options detailed at the end of this report.

For allocation purposes, as remaining carveouts are established, utility or RERF funds will be used, using the same criteria as described above for projects.

If there are remaining funds, reserved or non-reserved, in any of the sub-programs at the end of the program year, they will be rolled over, without their reserved or non-reserved designations, to the respective sub-programs for the next program year. This means they will be added to the new program year funds, before calculations of the new program year carveouts.

## Prioritization Stages

The following is an example of the prioritization stages, using the Income-eligible Community Solar subprogram. Prioritization of the other subprograms will follow a similar set of stages, using the scorings identified in the charts in Appendix A for the applicable sub-program.

### Environmental Justice Community Selection (Prioritization 1)

If eligible projects in qualifying EJs submitted in the initial project submission window represent less than 25% of the annual incentive budget for the given sub-program, assuming applications are otherwise qualified, then all projects in EJs will be selected and will receive incentives, with REC contracts sent to the ICC for approval. On the next business day after the close of the initial project submission window, project submissions will open again until June 30, the end of the program year. The remaining annual EJs budget will be allocated to eligible projects in EJs on a first-come, first-served basis. If projects in qualifying EJs submitted during the initial submission window represent more than 25% of the sub-program budget, the Program Administrator will follow the EJC project selection process for those projects, to ensure that a minimum of 25% of the sub-program’s budget supports projects in EJs.

Projects located in a state region with a high Regional EJ Score will receive additional point(s). The Regional EJ Score is calculated for each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, West Central, East Central, and Southern). It is the percentage of all state EJC households located in that region divided by the percent of all REC incentive dollars from prior program years awarded in that region for that sub-program.

Table 1 below shows the prioritization process for projects in qualified EJs using the Community Solar sub-program as an example.

**TABLE 1. SCORING RUBRIC FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES’ SELECTION: COMMUNITY SOLAR**

<b>Prioritization 1: EJs</b> (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Income-Eligible Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE Community	2
MWBE	An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.  An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a non-profit or public facility (NP/PF). The anchor institution must provide a Letter of Intent (LOI), and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2

Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host (PH)	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP)	0.5
System size ≤ 100 kW	Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size > 100 kW ≤ 500 kW	Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size > 500kW ≤ 1000kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW	0.5
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12 .75</b>

Eligible projects will be selected in order of greatest points to lowest until at least 25% of the sub-program budget allocation for projects in EJs has been reached. Projects will be pulled together into groups of the same scores (e.g., all projects with a score of 4), with all projects in that score group selected. If the total incentive value of any score group brings the cumulative total beyond 25% of the total sub-program budget, then instead of selecting all projects in that score group, individual projects will be randomly selected by the Program Administrator from that score group (see the [Random Selection Guidance Document](#) for details) until at least 25% of the total sub-program budget is reached. Note, the final project selected will still be awarded its full incentive value (provided its funding source has the funds available). The remaining unfunded EJ projects will be placed on an EJ Waitlist using their score or the random selection process, as applicable, to determine the order of the waitlist. The ordered waitlist will be used to determine the order in which projects would be offered additional funding in the event that selected EJ projects do not complete their contracts or are later withdrawn. Any remaining projects in qualified EJs, including

those on the EJ waitlist, will be put back into the general pool of projects and will advance to Prioritization 2, for Low-Income (LI) communities.

**EXAMPLE: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SELECTION IN ACTION**

The examples below demonstrate this project selection process under the Community Solar sub-program. There are two examples. The first example is simpler, while the second example showcases the scenario when projects have the same score.

In the first example, seven projects were submitted that are located within qualified EJs (Table 2). Each project has a unique set of attributes outlined in the table.

**TABLE 2: COMMUNITY SOLAR (ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SELECTION, SIMPLE EXAMPLE)**

Project #	Capacity (kW)	Proposed total REC incentive	EJC status	IE status	MWBE status	Energy Sovereignty	Anchor Type	System size (SS) status	Regional EJ Score
1	850.0	\$2,668,789	EJC	IE		Yes	PF-PH-CSP	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	No RECs to date
2	900.0	\$2,170,253	EJC	IE	MWBE	Yes	NP-PH	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	
3	75.0	\$411,582	EJC	IE		Yes	PF-CSP	SS ≤ 100 kW	Highest
4	450.0	\$2,469,493	EJC	IE		Yes	PF-CSP	100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW	Second Highest
5	2000.0	\$6,490,785	EJC	IE		No	PF-PH-CSP	SS >1000 kW	

6	2000.0	\$5,758,344	EJC	IE		No	NP-PH-CSP	SS >1000 kW	
7	1900.0	\$5,439,574	EJC			No	NP	SS >1000 kW	

**Anchor Type Points**

PF=Public Facility – 2 pts

NP=Non-Profit – 2 pts

PH= Project Host – 0.75 pts

CSP = Critical Service Provider – 0.5 pts

**System Size (SS) Points**

SS ≤ 100 kW – 1.5 pts

100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW – 1.0 pts

500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW – 0.5 pts

SS >1000 kW – 0 pts

**Regional EJ Score Points**

Region with the Highest Regional EJ Score – 2.0 pts

Region with the Second Highest Regional EJ Score – 1.0 pts

Region with No RECs to date – 1.0 pts

All Other Regions – 0 pts

The seven projects are scored and grouped into six score groups from 10.00-points to 2.00-points, as shown in Table 3. In this example, the first three score groups make up \$5,250,624 of the \$5,913,589 available incentives in this prioritization. Even though the next-highest scoring group of 8.50 (comprising solely Project 4) increases the amount of incentives allocated in the EJC selection to greater than 25% of the total Community Solar sub-program budget, it is still accepted and funded in full because that project does not increase the cumulative incentives allocated to greater than the total sub-

program budget. The EJCs selection process is now complete, having allocated more than 25% of the annual sub-program budget.

**TABLE 3. SCORING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES SELECTION (SIMPLE EXAMPLE)**

EJC Prioritization				Total Possible Incentives				\$5,913,589	
Project	IE score	MWBE score	Energy Sovereignty	Anchor Type score	Size score	Regional EJ score	Total score	Selected	Selected (CUML \$\$)
3	2	0	2	2.50	1.5	2	10.00	*	\$411,582
2	2	2	2	2.75	0.5	0	9.25	*	\$2,581,835
1	2	0	2	3.25	0.5	1	8.75	*	\$5,250,624
4	2	0	2	2.50	1.0	1	8.50	*	\$7,720,117
5	2	0	0	3.25	0	0	5.25		
6	2	0	0	3.25	0	0	5.25		
7	0	0	0	2.00	0	0	2.00		

The scenario below is more complicated. The highlighted cells in Table 4 are where the profiles of Project 1, Project 5 and Project 6 have changed from the prior example.

**TABLE 4. COMMUNITY SOLAR (ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SELECTION, COMPLEX EXAMPLE)**

Project #	Capacity (kW)	Proposed total REC incentive	EJC status	IE status	MWBE status	Energy Sovereignty	Anchor Type	System size (SS) status	Regional EJ Score
1	850.0	\$5,808,541	EJC	IE		No	PF-PH	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	No RECS to date

2	900.0	\$2,170,253	EJC	IE	MWBE	Yes	NP-PH	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	
3	75.0	\$411,582	EJC	IE		Yes	PF-CSP	SS ≤ 100 kW	Highest
4	450.0	\$2,469,493	EJC	IE		Yes	PF - CSP	100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW	Second Highest
5	2000.0	\$6,490,785	EJC	IE		No	PF-PH- CSP	SS >1000 kW	No RECS to date
6	2000.0	\$5,758,344	EJC	IE		No	NP-PH- CSP	SS >1000 kW	No RECS to date
7	1900.0	\$5,439,574	EJC			No	NP	SS >1000 kW	

In this example, after scoring and grouping, three projects are selected, the highest-scoring groups of 10.00 points through the group scoring 8.50 points, as shown in Table 5. The total contract value of these is less than the 25% EJCs target. The next group of projects, scoring 6.25 points, cumulatively exceeds the 25% target. Projects are then randomly selected from this score category until the cumulative allocation meets or exceeds 25% of the sub-program’s budget (\$5,913,589 in this example, where the total annual sub-program budget is assumed to be \$23,654,356).

**TABLE 5. SCORING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES SELECTION (COMPLEX EXAMPLE)**

EJC Prioritization				Total Possible Incentives				\$5,913,589	
Project	IE score	MWBE score	Energy Sovereignty	Anchor Type score	Size score	Regional EJ score	Total score	Selected	Selected (CUML \$\$)

3	2	0	2	2.50	0.5	2	10.00	*	\$411,582
2	2	2	2	2.75	1.5	0	9.25	*	\$2,581,835
4	2	0	2	2.50	1.0	1	8.50	*	\$5,051,328
1	2	0	0	2.75	0.5	1	6.25		
5	2	0	0	3.25	0	1	6.25	*	\$11,542,113
6	2	0	0	3.25	0	1	6.25		
7	0	0	0	2.00	0	0	2.00		

In this instance, the randomly selected Project 5 (highlighted in blue) is accepted, even though its proposed REC contract value of approximately \$6,490,785 causes the EJC selection to cumulatively exceed the 25% allocation of \$5,913,589.

## Energy Sovereignty Selection (Prioritization 2)

A portion of the funding, defined as 25% of each sub-program’s funds, will be reserved for projects that promote energy sovereignty through ownership of projects by income-eligible households, not-for-profit organizations providing services to income-eligible households, affordable housing owners, community cooperatives, or community-based limited liability companies providing services to income-eligible households.

If eligible projects submitted in the initial project submission window that feature Energy Sovereignty represent less than 25% of the annual incentive budget for the given sub-program, then all those projects will be selected and will be allocated incentives with REC contracts sent to the ICC for approval. The Program Administrator will then announce the re-opening of the portal for Energy Sovereignty project submissions. The remaining annual Energy Sovereignty carveout of 25% of the annual incentive budget will be allocated to eligible projects that have Energy Sovereignty features on a first-come, first-served basis.

If projects with energy sovereignty features submitted during the initial submission window represent more than 25% of the sub-program budget, the Program Administrator will conduct the Energy Sovereignty project selection process for those projects, to ensure that a minimum of 25% of the sub-program’s budget supports projects determined to have Energy Sovereignty features.



For Energy Sovereignty project selection, the projects will be scored as described below. In this selection stage, the selection is based on overall project score, with the random selection process used for groups of projects with the same score.

**TABLE 6. SCORING RUBRIC FOR THE ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY CARVEOUT SELECTION: COMMUNITY SOLAR**

<b>Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty Carveout (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
Income-Eligible Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA community	2
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a non-profit or public facility (NP/PF). The anchor institution must provide a Letter of Intent (LOI), and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Environmental Justice Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host (PH)	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP)	0.5

System size ≤100 kW	Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size >100 kW ≤ 500 kW	Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size >500kW ≤1000kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW	0.5
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12 .75</b>

For those eligible projects that were

- 1) not selected as part of the sub-program’s initial 25% allocation to EJCs, or
- 2) not selected as part of the sub-program’s initial 25% allocation to Energy Sovereignty, or
- 3) do not feature Energy Sovereignty or are not in ILSFA qualified EJCs;

if the total incentive value represents less than remaining non-reserved funds for that sub-program, all eligible projects will be allocated incentives with contracts sent to the ICC for approval. Like the EJC and energy sovereignty selection processes, after the close of the initial project submission window, the Program Administrator will announce when the rolling project submission window will open, with the remaining non-reserved funds of the sub-program being allocated to eligible projects not in EJCs (or eligible EJC projects after the 25% EJC annual allocation is filled) or without the Energy Sovereignty feature (or eligible projects with the Energy Sovereignty feature after the 25% Energy Sovereignty annual allocation is filled) on a first-come, first-served basis for the remainder of the program year.

If the total incentive value of eligible projects submitted in the project submission window which are (i) not in qualified EJCs, (ii) in qualified EJCs but not selected as part of that sub-program’s initial 25% allocation, (iii) without the energy sovereignty feature, or (iv) with the energy sovereignty feature but not selected as part of that sub-program’s initial 25% allocation as described above, represents more than the remaining non-reserved funds for that sub-program, then the General Project Selection Process will be initiated for those projects. The General Project Selection Process is conducted in two stages. The first stage prioritizes projects in qualified ILSFA IE communities, and the second stage prioritizes the remainder of the projects. In both

stages, prioritization occurs through scoring and weighting key project attributes and selecting the highest-scoring projects first.

### **Income-Eligible Community Selection (Prioritization 3)**

In Prioritization 3, all eligible projects that were not selected in Prioritization 1 and 2 but are in EJCs will have their scores reset to zero. If the percentage of total incentive value of eligible projects in qualified IE communities is less than 25% of the total sub-program budget, all projects will be selected. If the value of incentives exceeds 25%, scoring will then occur like the process indicated in Table 3. Note that for the income-eligible community prioritization, there is no income-eligible attribute to score. This is because all projects eligible to be in this prioritization round must meet this requirement. Eligible projects that are not in IE communities will be held for the next selection round. For a selection within the Community Solar sub-program, this round will also take the geographic location of the projects into account. Projects located in a state region with a high Regional EJ Score will receive additional point(s). The Regional EJ Score is calculated for each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, West Central, East Central, and Southern). It is calculated as the percentage of all state EJC households located in that region divided by the percent of all REC incentive dollars from prior program years awarded in that region for that sub-program. The scores assigned for the geographic or building size attributes for the Income-Eligible Communities (Table 7) are based only on eligible projects under consideration in that round and not the total portfolio of submitted projects.

Like the EJC and Energy Sovereignty prioritizations, projects in the IE community selection will be selected in order of greatest points to lowest until a minimum of 25% of the annual sub-program budget has been allocated. Projects will be sorted into groups of like scores (for example, all projects with a score of 4 will be grouped together), with all projects in the highest scoring group being selected. If the total incentive value of the highest scoring project or group of projects does not exceed 25% of the sub-program's budget, the project or group with the next highest score will be selected, and so on. If the total incentive value of a group brings the cumulative total of incentives awarded beyond 25% of the sub-program's budget, individual projects will be randomly selected from that scoring group until at least 25% of the annual sub-program budget is allocated, at which time the random selection of projects will stop. Note, the final project selected from this prioritization will still be awarded its full incentive value (provided its funding source has the funds available). The remaining unfunded IE projects will be placed on an IE waitlist based upon project score or the random selection process, as applicable, to determine the order of the waitlist. The

ordered waitlist will be used to determine the order in which projects would be offered additional funding in the event that selected LI projects do not complete their contracts or are later withdrawn. Any remaining projects in qualified IE communities, including those on the IE waitlist, will be put back into the general pool and will advance to Prioritization 4: General Selection. Projects from the EJC or Energy Sovereignty waitlists that are selected in Income-eligible Community Selection (Prioritization 3) will be removed from the respective waitlist; any remaining projects on the EJC and/or Energy Sovereignty waitlists following the Income-eligible Community Selection will also advance to General Selection.

**TABLE 7. SCORING RUBRIC FOR INCOME-ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES SELECTION: COMMUNITY SOLAR**

<b>Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities</b> (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
MWBE	An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.  An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	2
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1

Anchor Type	Anchor is a non-profit or public facility. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤100 kW	Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size >100 kW ≤ 500 kW	Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size > 500 kW ≤ 1000 kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	0.5
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12.75</b>

## General Selection (Prioritization 4)

The General Selection (Prioritization 4) will be used to select projects for the remaining unallocated annual capacity of the sub-program. All eligible projects that may have scores from the previous EJC, Energy Sovereignty or IE community selections are reset to zero. Eligible projects will then be given two points for each of the following attributes: MWBE Vendor, Energy Sovereignty, EJC, IE community (and if a community solar project, Non-Profit/Public Facility (NP/PF) Anchor Type and the potential for additional Project Host and Critical Service Provider points). Additionally, points will be awarded on a rising scale if, for LIDG and NP/PF projects, 51% or greater participant savings is evident.

For each sub-program, the Program Administrator will evaluate what proportion of the total sub-program capacity, looking solely at projects already selected up to this point, fall into the below attributes:

Non-Profit and Public Facilities	Community Solar	Residential Solar
	Project Size (500 kW)	Group (A vs B)
Type (NP vs PF)		
Project size (100kW)		

For each sub-program, if the total amount of incentives already chosen within a category of the first attribute in the chart above represents less than 30% of the total incentive value for the sub-program, projects will be chosen from the underrepresented category until 30% of total sub-program incentive value is reached for that category. The same process will be repeated for the second attribute (for NP/PF, the project size). After projects have been selected to balance the portfolio, projects will be selected based on the highest score until there are no funds available. Any remaining projects will be ordered by score and randomized as needed to create a General Selection waitlist. Any projects selected in General Selection (Prioritization 4) from the EJ, Energy Sovereignty and/or IE waitlists will be removed from the respective waitlist.

**TABLE 8. SCORING RUBRIC FOR GENERAL SELECTION: COMMUNITY SOLAR**

Prioritization 4: General Selection (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
IE community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE community	2
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project Application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual</p>	2

	commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>11.25</b>

# Randomization and Resizing

## Tie Score – Randomization Protocol

If at any point in the prioritization processes there is a “tie” in the scores for projects, the projects with tied scores will be randomly ordered within that tie score group. The randomization process will follow the same process proposed for previous program years, which can be found in the [Random Selection Guidance Document](#).

## Resizing Options

If at any point in the prioritization processes a selected project is larger than the remaining annual sub-program budget allows, the following procedure is triggered:

1. If a project cannot fit into the remaining sub-program utility budget, the Program Administrator will attempt to allocate it to the remaining sub-program Renewable Energy Resources Fund (RERF) budget.
2. If a project cannot fit into either the remaining utility budget or the remaining RERF budget, then the Approved Vendor will be presented with the option to resize using the utility funds remaining. If there are no utility funds remaining, then the remaining RERF funds will be used. The Approved Vendor may also choose from a second and third resizing option, described in the paragraphs below.
3. The next project (either the next highest scored project or the next sequential project in a tied score group) will be chosen, if there is remaining funding in the sub-program, as needed to fill the selection stages' allocation (e.g., EJsCs having at least 25% of the total sub-program budget), using steps #1-2.
4. Steps #1-3 will then be used for the next selection stage (e.g., LI community) until that stage's allocation of the entire sub-program budget is filled, if possible.
5. If there are remaining budgeted funds for the sub-program for the final General Selection Prioritization, then, starting from the highest scored project, steps #1-3 will be used again.

A second option available to the Approved Vendor whose selected project cannot fit into either the remaining utility budget or the remaining RERF budget is to accept the budget available. This means that the Approved Vendor may choose to build the originally sized project as planned but divide the total project size into two arrays where one is sized to align with the awarded amount; this array would receive the ILSFA REC contract. To be considered as separate arrays, the two arrays would be required to have separate meters and inverters, as outlined in Section 10.16 of the ILSFA Approved Vendor Manual. The non-contracted array could apply to ILSFA in a future program year, subject to the guidelines on expansions in Section 10.6 of the ILSFA Approved Vendor Manual, but with no special consideration applicable to the non-contracted array in project selection.

A third option is that an Approved Vendor may decline the selection for an ILSFA REC contract that requires resizing (and the selection option would pass on to the next project in the selection process) but may remain at its position in the program year's waitlist within the sub-program (which would be called on, for example, if another awarded project failed to execute its contract, post collateral, etc., and thus was withdrawn from the program). Approved Vendors that elect this option are required to notify the Program Administrator of a decision to decline the award within 10 business days from being first notified of the resizing options.



# Appendix A. Scoring Charts by Sub-Program

TABLE 1. RESIDENTIAL SOLAR

Applicable for both the Residential Solar (Small and Large)

Prioritization 1: EJC (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
IE community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE community	1
MWBE	<p>Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is 51-60%=.25 points, 61-80%=1 point, 81-100%=2 points

Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in MISO	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Group B	ComEd, and Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in PJM	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>8</b>

<b>Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty</b> (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
IE community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE community	1
MWBE	<p>Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1

Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is 51-60%=.25 points, 61-80%=1 point, 81-100%=2 points
Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in MISO	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Group B	ComEd, and Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in PJM	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>7</b>

<b>Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities (assessing total incentive value of qualifying projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in MISO	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Group B	ComEd, and Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in PJM	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is 51-60%=.25 points, 61-80%=1 point, 81-100%=2 points

EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>8</b>

<b>Prioritization 4: Project Diversity</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
IE community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE community	1

<p>MWBE</p>	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Energy Sovereignty</p>	<p>Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Participant Savings</p>	<p>When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50 %, points will be awarded.</p>	<p>If the percentage savings passed on to participants is 51-60%=.25 points, 61-80%=1 point, 81-100%=2 points</p>
<p><b>Total possible score:</b></p>		<p><b>7</b></p>

**TABLE 2. COMMUNITY SOLAR**

<b>Prioritization 1: EJs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
IE Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE Community	2
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP)	0.5
System size ≤100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size 101 – 500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1

System size 501 kW-1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW	0.5
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score/Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12 .75</b>

<b>Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty</b>		
(assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score :
IE Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE Community	2
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host	0.75

Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP)	0.5
System size ≤ 100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size 101 – 500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size 501 kW-1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW	0.5
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12 .75</b>

<b>Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities</b>		
<b>(assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
MWBE	<p>Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or</p>	2



	more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of the project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size 101–500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size 501 kW-1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	0.5
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12.75</b>

<b>Prioritization 4: General Selection (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
IE Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE Community	2

MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
<p><b>If the cumulative incentive value for entire portfolio, after balancing on group, has &lt;30% below or above the 250 kW threshold, select projects in underrepresented category until 30% is reached.</b></p>		
<b>Total possible score:</b>	<b>11.25</b>	

**TABLE 3. NON-PROFIT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES**

<b>Prioritization 1: EJs</b> (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
IE community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE community	1
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, or 65% if the project claims the Income Tax Credit, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is above the minimum requirement by $\leq +15\% = .25$ , $+15\% - +5\% = 1$ point, $+25\%$ and greater = 2 points
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score/Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1

Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Entity Type: Public facility	Qualifying project is on a public facility	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size </= 200 kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is less than or equal to 200 kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size > 200kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is greater than 200 kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Score</b>
IE community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE community	1
MWBE	An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including	1

	<p>but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, or 65% if the project claims the Income Tax Credit, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is above the minimum requirement by < or = +15% = .25, + 15-+ 25%=1 point, + 25% and greater=2 points
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Entity Type: Public facility	Qualifying project is on a public facility	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0

System size $\leq$ 200 kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is less than or equal to 200 kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size > 200kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is greater than 200 kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>11</b>

<b>Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities</b> (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute	Definition	Score
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, an Approved Vendor Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1

EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, or 65% if the project claims the Income Tax Credit, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is above the minimum requirement by < or = + 15% = .25, +15-+ 25%=1 point, + 25% and greater=2 points
Regional EJ Score	Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date	2 / 1
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Entity Type: Public facility	Qualifying project is on a public facility	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size <= 200 kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is less than or equal to 200 kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size > 200 kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is greater than 200 kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Prioritization 4: Project Diversity</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
IE community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA IE community	1
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with a public or non-public third-party certifying body approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature	2
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, or 65% if the project	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is above the minimum requirement by < or



	<p>claims the Income Tax Credit, points will be awarded.</p>	<p>+15% = .25, +15-+25%=1 point, +25% and greater=2 points</p>
<p><b>If the cumulative incentive value for entire portfolio, after balancing on group, has &lt;30% of projects on NP or PF, select projects in underrepresented category until 30% is reached.</b></p>		
<p><b>If the cumulative incentive value for entire portfolio, after balancing on project type, has &lt;30% below or above the 200 kW threshold, select projects in underrepresented category until 30% is reached.</b></p>		