

Low Income Solar Grant Program

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LMI Energy Efficiency Grant Program

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LOW INCOME SOLAR GRANT

- Fund design and installation of PV systems for Low Income single family homes with energy efficiency upgrades in last 5 years
- Must have participated in MEA's LMI Energy Efficiency Grant Program
- Pays 100% of costs, including roof structure improvement, reroofing under array, mold remediation
- 10 kW and \$25,000 limit per home



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- Pilot program in FY 22
- Funded to \$1,500,000
- Four awardees in FY22
- Payment when system completed



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THE PROCESS

- Grantee identifies homes with potential
- Solar installer confirms solar potential
- Home submitted for historical review
- MEA approves solar for home
- Solar installed



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Miscellaneous

- **Low Income : < 175% of Federal Poverty Level**
- **Admin costs: <10% or approved Indirect Costs**
- **NABCEP installer requirement**
- **1.5 years to complete work**
- **Strategic Energy Investment Fund requirements**



FY23 Program

- Six(6) awardees
- More money (\$4,575,000)
- Authorized a PPA model with \$0.00/kWh cost of energy in lieu of transfer of ownership of the array.



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MORE INFORMATION

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Look at “Residential” / “Incentives”, then search for the Low Income Solar Grant Program



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