



**Illinois
Solar for All**

The Illinois Solar for All: Home Repairs & Upgrades Pilot



What is Illinois Solar for All?

Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) is a state program that brings the benefits of solar energy to income-eligible households, nonprofit organizations, and public facilities. Eligible participants can receive affordable solar installations and save money 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. The program reduces the impact of climate change in communities across the state.

ILSFA ensures participants work with solar companies that use safe and fair business practices. The approved solar companies work with participants to plan and install solar panels and ensure cost savings. For more information on ILSFA, visit www.illinoissfa.com.

What is Illinois Solar for All: Residential Solar?

Residential Solar is for single-family homeowners and owners of multi-family residential buildings. An approved solar company will work with you to install roof- or ground-mounted panels at your property to save on household energy bills.

Residential Solar gives income-eligible households access to residential solar installations with no upfront costs and guaranteed savings. This is made possible by providing incentives for the approved solar companies who develop the solar installations, allowing them to pass along savings to the participating households.

Are you interested in ILSFA, but your home requires roof and electrical work to be solar-ready?

The Home Repairs and Upgrades initiative provides additional incentives for participants in the Residential Solar sub-program for electrical and roof repairs and upgrades necessary for solar installation. These kinds of repairs and associated fees can include:

- Required Permit Fee(s)
- Service Panel Replacement or Upgrades (includes new main service panel and breakers)
- Meter and Riser Upgrades
- Grounding Rods
- Water Grounding
- Solar-Related Roof Work
- Full Roof Replacement
- Sister Rafters

Am I eligible to participate in the Home Repairs and Upgrades initiative?

You can participate in the Home Repairs and Upgrades initiative if you qualify for the Residential Solar sub-program as a single-family home or small (1-4 unit) multifamily building, and your home is owner-occupied. To learn more, please visit the [Residential Solar](#) webpage.



How much does it cost?

Residential Solar participants will have no upfront costs for authorized repairs and upgrades covered under the Home Repairs and Upgrades initiative.

How do I get involved?

EXTERNAL FUNDING

The first step is to seek external funding through repair programs operating in your area. Once you find an external program, you can apply directly to receive funding. The ILSFA Program Administrator will help you prepare paperwork and documents if needed. Please contact info@illinoisSFA.com if you need assistance applying for any external funding. View our [list of external programs](#).

If external funding is unavailable within two months of your request, provide written documentation of the lack of funding to the Program Administrator at info@illinoisSFA.com.

FUNDING THROUGH ILSFA

If external funding is unavailable and you've provided written documentation of the lack of funding to the Program Administrator, the next step is to contact the [approved solar company](#) you've identified to perform your residential solar installation to seek funding from ILSFA. The approved solar company will assess your home to determine which repairs and upgrades are necessary to ensure the project meets all program requirements. They will submit a list summarizing the repairs and upgrades needed at your home before the solar installation and request funding on your behalf. Your approved solar company will update you regarding the approval process.

Once authorized, the approved solar company will arrange for an electrician or contractor to assess your home and begin work. After the work is completed, the approved solar company will start your residential solar installation!

Who performs the repairs and upgrades?

If [external funding](#) is covering your home repairs and upgrades, then you will work within that program to complete the repairs and upgrades. If you are working with the ILSFA Home Repairs and Upgrades initiative, your ILSFA-approved solar company will conduct the repairs alongside licensed, certified, bonded, and insured electricians and contractors.

Learn More

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