

DRAFT Eligibility Criteria for Illinois Solar for All Non-profit and Public Facility Incentives

Systems installed under the Illinois Solar for All Non-profits and Public Facilities must meet all of the following three criteria:

1. Systems must serve the energy loads of non-profit or public sector customers.
2. Systems must be installed on facilities within low-income **or** environmental justice communities within the State of Illinois.
 - a. Low-income communities are defined as census blocks having a majority (50 percent or greater) of households at 80 percent or less Area Median Income (AMI). [Maps and address lookup tools](#) are available for every address in Illinois for these communities as well.
 - b. Environmental justice communities are identified through a methodology¹ that multiplies the average of exposures and environmental effects with average socioeconomic factors. The calculation identifies the top 25 percent of qualifying census block groups across Illinois. [Maps and address lookup tools](#) are available for every address in the state to determine if it is part of an environmental justice community as so defined.
3. Systems must demonstrate **one** of the following two conditions:
 - a. Having a sufficient connection to and input from the low-income or environmental justice community members and/or the non-profit or public facility it serves by:
 - i. Providing a narrative summary of efforts taken prior to the application to conduct community outreach and education about the proposed entity being served by this installation, or
 - ii. Listing community-based organizations the applicant has partnered with (including letters from those organizations to verify the partnerships) in support of the proposed entity being served by this installation.
 - b. Or the energy customer or property owner is a qualified critical service provider defined as a non-profit or public sector entity that offers essential services to low-income or environmental justice communities, including:

¹ The proposed environmental justice [methodology](#) was published in January 2019 and is now being refined following stakeholder feedback.

Additionally, a self-designation procedure is available for community members to seek designation of a geographic area as an environmental justice community if it was not identified as such by Illinois Solar for All's basic methodology. The proposed self-designation procedure, which is being refined after stakeholder feedback, is available [here](#).



- Advocacy organizations
- Affordable housing providers
- After-school care providers
- Childcare centers
- Community centers
- Community financial institutions (such as credit unions and non-profit lenders)
- Disability service providers
- Emergency service agencies (i.e. fire, police, Red Cross, etc.)
- Family support agencies
- Food pantries
- Homeless shelters
- Hospitals, health care facilities, and clinics
- Housing services providers
- Immigration services providers
- Job training and workforce development services
- Mental and behavioral health facilities
- Municipal administration offices
- Places of worship
- Rehabilitation providers
- Public schools
- Senior centers
- Social service agencies (including unemployment and Social Security offices)
- Transitional or supportive housing (including those for teens and LGBTQ)
- Women's and children's shelters
- Youth centers

Other types of potential critical service providers not found on this list can be submitted to the Program Administrator for approval.