



Illinois Solar for All

Advisory Committee Informational Meeting

September 16, 2025, from 3–4 p.m. CT

Welcome & Agenda Overview

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Housekeeping and Ground Rules

- **Be kind and use mute**
 - Put yourself on mute while presentations are taking place
- **Raise your hand or parking lot your question**
 - Use the raise your hand icon or put your question in the comments and it will be addressed.



Introductions & Icebreaker



ILSFA Overview



ILSFA Overview: History & Program Goals

- In 2016, the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) resulted from collaboration between energy companies, environmental groups, and consumer advocates.
- Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) was created by FEJA to meet the state's renewable energy goals and expand the reach of solar energy. ILSFA was further expanded by Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) in 2021.
- ILSFA's goal is to make solar energy more affordable for income-eligible residents and the organizations that serve them.



ILSFA Overview: Program Objectives

- Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) is a state program that provides incentives for income-eligible residents to makes solar adoption more affordable.
- ILSFA offers four sub-programs:
 - Illinois Solar for All: Residential Solar (Small) (1-4 units)
 - Illinois Solar for All: Residential Solar (Large) (5+ units)
 - Illinois Solar for All: Community Solar
 - Illinois Solar for All: Non-Profit and Public Facilities



ILSFA Overview: Residential Solar (Small) Sub-Program Status

- The Residential Solar (Small) sub-program has allocated available funding for the 2025-2026 program year and is not accepting applications for new solar projects for single-family and two-to-four-unit homes.
- It is the first time in the Illinois Solar for All program's history that it has allocated the full budget for solar projects for single-family and two-to-four-unit homes!
- It's an unprecedented milestone for the program. In this program year, the ILSFA program received 735 projects and put 65 projects on the waiting list.



ILSFA Overview: Residential Solar (Small) Sub-Program Status

What does this mean for Approved Vendors and homeowners?

- Projects that are on the waitlist will be added on a first-come, first-served basis when and **if** projects fall out of the pipeline.
- In March 2026, the Residential Solar (Large) sub-program's budget will merge with the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program's budget, and projects on the waitlist will be added to pipeline in order of submission date.
- Current participants are working directly with their Approved Vendors to determine the status of their solar project.
- Due to the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program's popularity, residents seeking installations are directed to connect with an Approved Vendor, who will set clear expectations on the new time frames.



Advisory Committee Overview



Advisory Committee: Background & Purpose

- In the 2022 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) proposed convening an Illinois Solar for All Advisory Committee, to develop and explore ideas and advise on the ILSFA program.
- The Advisory Committee meetings are intended to foster meaningful and informed conversation between all program stakeholder and agencies, provide education or information regarding participation in the program, encourage stakeholder and public feedback, and develop and propose incremental improvements to the ILSFA program.



Advisory Committee: Committee Roles

The Advisory Committee is an opportunity for interested parties with a diverse range of perspectives to collaborate to improve the outcomes of solar in Illinois for income-eligible residents.

Role Category	Number on Roster
Approved Vendors	5
Grassroots Educators	2
Community Residents	4
Community Action Agencies	2
Job Training	1
Solar Industry	1
Advocacy Organizations	3
State Agencies and Utilities**	4
Total	22
**Roles will not be recruited for in the open application process	



Advisory Committee: Administrative Roles

- **IPA:** Engages with the Advisory Committee on ILSFA program design and implementation across various functional areas. Holds ultimate approval authority for program changes.
- **Elevate:** Serves as the Program Administrator, leading the Advisory Committee and providing technical insights across the functional areas of ILSFA.
- **Encolor:** Supports facilitation of the Advisory Committee, with work directed by the Program Administrator.



Advisory Committee: Expectations and Commitments

- **Active Engagement:** Share relevant expertise to support ongoing program development, while remaining flexible and responsive to evolving program needs.
- **Meeting Participation:** Attend quarterly and subcommittee meetings (4–10/year); regular attendance is expected. Meetings will be a combination of virtual and in-person.
- **Preparation:** Complete pre-meeting work and stay informed to contribute meaningfully.
- **Constructive Input:** Offer ideas to strengthen the program, recognizing that not all suggestions may be implemented.



Advisory Committee: Expectations and Commitments

- **Collaboration:** Contribute agenda topics and support shared goals.
- **Respectful Dialogue:** Engage with fairness, openness, and respect for diverse perspectives.
- **Advisory Role:** Serve in a volunteer role and understand and honor the committee's advisory capacity and collective responsibilities.
- **Inclusive Participation:** Contribute actively without dominating discussions; strive for consensus while acknowledging differing views.
- **Equitable participation:** Resident committee members are eligible for stipends to support participation.



Advisory Committee: Recruitment Timeline

Advisory Committee Recruitment Milestones	
Activity	Dates
Applications Due	September 26
Selection Notifications	October 14
New member on-boarding	October 14 – October 24
In-person meeting	November 4



Advisory Committee: Selections Process Overview

Our goal is to build a committee that reflects the diversity of stakeholders to the ILSFA program and receive feedback from a range of perspectives. No one is expected to meet all criteria.

We are committed to forming a committee that is:

- **Balanced** across geographies, lived experiences, and role categories
- **Flexible and Inclusive** of different perspectives, identities, and voices recognizing that each member brings unique strengths
- **Collaborative**, with members who share power and responsibility
- **Equity-Focused**, supporting fair, honest, and ethical practices while expanding participation by vendors and participants across the ILSFA Program



Advisory Committee: Selections Process Overview

Selections will prioritize balance across:

- **Knowledge & Experience**
 - Subject matter expertise (e.g., energy equity, solar, policy)
 - Lived experience aligned with ILSFA goals
 - Ability to analyze complex issues and offer thoughtful input
- **Representation & Perspective**
 - Viewpoints from different stakeholder interests
 - Professional diversity (e.g., grassroots, academia, business)
 - Inclusive and equity-focused mindset
- **Commitment & Collaboration**
 - Willingness to work constructively and build consensus
 - Interest in improving ILSFA services
 - Availability to attend and prepare for meetings



Q&A



Thank you for your time!



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