



Project Selection Protocol Guidance

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1. Project Selection Overview

When the Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) program opens for project applications, an initial project submission window of 10 business days will allow the Approved Vendor to submit projects in each of the four sub-programs: Residential Solar (Small), Community Solar, Non-Profits and Public Facilities, and Residential Solar (Large). After the initial project submission window closes, 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. In the case that a sub-program has a large number of applications such that the funding required for all eligible applications received within the initial submission window exceeds that sub-program's total budget, then projects will be considered and scored individually during the project selection process. During the rolling submission window, projects in the same batch are considered to have the same timestamp for the purpose of considering rolling submissions on a first-come, first-served basis.

1.1. Sub-Program Carveouts

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

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES CARVEOUT :

At least 25% of funds within each sub-program will be reserved for projects located in ILSFA Environmental Justice Communities (EJC). If project selection is not required, these funds are available only for projects located within EJs for the entire program year, as submitted on a first-come, first-served basis. Projects in all sub-programs sited in EJs also receive additional scoring points in the project selection process.

ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY CARVEOUT :

At least 25% of funds within each sub-program 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. Projects in the Community Solar, Non-profit and Public Facilities, and Residential Solar (Large) sub-programs also receive additional scoring points in the project selection process.¹

¹ Due to the recent increase in projects featuring energy sovereignty in the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program, projects featuring energy sovereignty in this sub-program will no longer receive energy sovereignty prioritization points during project selection.

If project selection is not required or if project selection does not fulfill the Energy Sovereignty carveout, these funds will remain available only for projects that promote energy sovereignty through ownership, as submitted on a first-come, first-served basis until January 1 of the current program year. Any remaining Energy Sovereignty carveout funds not allocated by January 1 will be released for any project in the corresponding sub-program.

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 sub-programs (Small and Large) is also maintained until January 1. Any remaining funds in the Residential Solar (Small or Large) sub-programs, excluding the 25% Environmental Justice Communities carveout within each sub-program, will be combined and used for any remaining projects in either sub-program.

1.2. When Project Selection is Necessary

During the initial submission window, 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, 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.

1.2.1. ROLLING SUBMISSION WINDOWS

If the incentive value of eligible applications is less than the available funding within any of the sub-program 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 during the rolling submission window 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.

Small and Emerging Business Early Access to Rolling Submissions

For the 2026-2027 Program Year, ILSFA Approved Vendors designated as small and emerging businesses will have the option to access an early rolling submission window

that will be open for two business days prior to the rolling submission window. Submissions during this early rolling submission window will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Agency will allocate up to 25% of a sub-program's remaining budget after the initial submission window closes. Batches for the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program, during the early submission window cannot exceed a total REC Value of \$200,000.00. If selection of the final project submitted in this early rolling submission window would cause the 25% sub-program budget allocation to be exceeded, it will not be selected in the early rolling submission window and will have to resubmit the project in the subsequent rolling submission window open to all Approved Vendors. Any projects submitted after the 25% sub-program budget allocation is exhausted will have to resubmit during the general rolling submission window and those projects will be accepted on the same first-come, first-served process with other rolling submissions.

A waitlist will not be created in the early rolling submission window. Unselected projects from the early rolling submission window must resubmit when rolling submissions open for all Approved Vendors.

After the early access window, a brief period will be scheduled before rolling submissions open to allow for preliminary project review and vendor rebatching. If projects submitted by SEBs in the early rolling submission window are not selected, the projects' Approved Vendor will be given an opportunity to rebatch those projects before the general opening of rolling submissions.

1.2.2. PROJECT SELECTION PROTOCOL

If the project selection process is triggered, the process will begin with eligible projects categorized as either located in qualifying ILSFA EJs or not.

1.2.2.1. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SELECTION (PRIORITIZATION 1)

If eligible projects in qualifying EJs 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 EJs represent more than 25% of the sub-program budget, the Program Administrator will follow the EJC project selection process (Prioritization 1) described in Section 2.1 below.

1.2.2.2. ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY SELECTION (PRIORITIZATION 2)

Eligible projects that are not in qualified EJs and eligible projects in qualified EJs that were not selected 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 over 25% of

the sub-program budget, the Program Administrator will follow the energy sovereignty project selection process (Prioritization 2) described in Section 2.2 below.

1.2.2.3. GENERAL PROJECT SELECTION (PRIORITIZATIONS 3 & 4)

Finally, remaining eligible projects that were not chosen in either of the Prioritization 1 or 2 stages will be subject to general project selection. For these projects, 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 will 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 below in Sections 2.3 and 2.4.

The General Project Selection Process first prioritizes projects located in a qualified ILSFA Income-Eligible Community (IE) (described in Section 2.3), then projects with other key attributes that may or may not be specific to a sub-program, including geographic diversity by state region, system size category will be considered during Project Selection. (described in Section 2.4). 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.

1.3. Project Selection Protocol for the ILSFA Residential Solar (Small and Large) Sub-programs

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) created two distinct residential sub-programs: the Residential Solar (Large) sub-program for 5+ unit buildings and the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program for 1-4 unit buildings. Although they are distinct, they share one overall budget. Section 8.5.3 of the Agency's 2026 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan states that each residential sub-program will have its own budget allocation (50% of the total residential budget for each sub-program) until January 1, at which time the two sub-program allocations will combine to be used on a first-come, first-served basis for projects of either sub-program. If a Project Selection for either sub-program resulted in projects being placed on a waitlist, then projects on that waitlist that are not located in EJs will only receive funding if 25% of the sub-program budget has already been allocated to projects within EJs 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.

If the incentive value of total submitted projects for the Home Repairs and Upgrades Pilot exceeds the available Home Repairs and Upgrades Pilot budget, Project Selection will occur for Home Repairs and Upgrades Pilot projects independently. In addition, if

the budget for the Home Repairs and Upgrades Pilot and the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program is exhausted, then the project selection process for both the Residential Solar (Small) sub-program and Home Repairs and Upgrades Pilot projects will occur at the same time. Subject to available funding, projects will be scored and selected in accordance with each respective prioritization stage until the Home Repairs and Upgrades Pilot budget is met. The Program will provide Approved Vendors with the option to either withdraw the project or proceed without the applicable Home Repair and Upgrades Pilot REC adder at any point throughout the Project Selection process. If the Approved Vendor decides to proceed without the Home Repairs and Upgrades Pilot REC adder, any required repairs and upgrades to meet Site Suitability Requirements will be the responsibility of the Approved Vendor.

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. Projects submitted in batches during the rolling submission window will be considered individually for selection purposes, but will be considered to have the same timestamp.

New project applications may be submitted during the rolling submission window, and eligible projects will be approved or added to the waitlist as applicable, 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.

1.4. Scoring and Prioritization

1.4.1. MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE)

Points will be awarded to projects submitted by MWBE Approved Vendors 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 approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to: the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates, the City of Chicago, and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. An Approved Vendor that wishes to receive points based on its registration as an MWBE must submit an [ILSFA Approved Vendor Questionnaire](#) along with the required supporting documentation to Vendors@illinoisSFA.com.²

² For more information about Approved Vendors and Designees registering as MWBE vendors, see Section 3.5 of the Approved Vendor Manual.

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, which must be submitted as part of the Part I application.

To protect the integrity of MWBE points, the ILSFA REC Contract requires Approved Vendors to ensure MWBE subcontractor commitments are ultimately delivered. ILSFA REC Contracts provide that if an Approved Vendor fails to satisfy the minimum required MWBE contractual commitment, the REC 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 to 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 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 REC Contract. Failure to do so could result in a project not being Part II approved, and therefore, no payment for RECs would be made for the project.

These REC 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.

1.4.2. Small and Emerging Businesses (SEB)

Section 1-56(b)(2) of the IPA Act requires the Agency to “make every effort to ensure that small and emerging businesses, particularly those located in low-income and environmental justice communities, are able to participate in the Illinois Solar for All Program” and report on progress annually.³

The IPA Act does not define “small and emerging” business, but Section 8.2.3 of the 2026 Long-Term Plan defines a “small business” as any for-profit entity, independently owned and operated that grosses less than \$4 million and an “emerging business” as a business that has been authorized to do business in any U.S. state for less than three years. An Approved Vendor that meets the definition of either a “small business” or

³ 20 ILCS 3855/1-56(b)(2).

“emerging business” must register and demonstrate the necessary qualifications with the Illinois Shines program to be deemed a “small and emerging” business. The SEB registration process can be found in Chapter 3.3.1 of the Approved Vendor Manual.

For the 2026-2027 Program Year, ILSFA will offer prioritization points and early access to SEBs within the Project Selection process to promote access to ILSFA Approved Vendors designated as a “small and emerging” business:

For an ILSFA Approved Vendor to receive SEB prioritization points or participate in the early rolling submissions window for SEBs, they must have received a determination that they qualify as a “small and emerging business” by Illinois Shines by the time their project is submitted or by the opening of the SEB early access.

1.4.3. Geographical Diversity Rank and Score Calculation

To promote a proportional distribution of solar projects, a Geographical Diversity Rank will provide location points (the Score). The Geographical Diversity Rank is calculated at the regional level to represent the distribution of projects in relation to the distribution of REC incentives. The Geographical Diversity Rank is calculated as follows:

For each of the [six state regions](#) (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, East Central, West Central, and Southern), the dollar amount of all prior years’ REC incentives awarded will be calculated, and the regions will be ranked in ascending order, with one being the lowest REC incentives awarded and six being the highest REC incentives awarded. Points will be awarded based on this rank order, decreasing in point value as the rank increases.

Rank	Score (Points Value)
1	2.0
2	1.5
3	1.0
4	0.5
5 and 6	0.0

The rank is used to assess points (the Score) in Prioritization Stage 1, Prioritization Stage 2, and Prioritization Stage 3 of the project selection for Community Solar and Non-Profit and Public Facilities. At this time, this Geographical Diversity Score will not be used for Residential Solar project selection.

1.4.4. No-Cost Offers

With the introduction of the Low-Income Discount Rates (LIDR) in Illinois,⁴ a customer's energy costs are reduced by a discount calculated based on their household income. For Residential Solar (Small) projects, the value of the electricity generated and used onsite is reduced by the customer's LIDR, and in some cases, the customer may benefit more from their LIDR alone than by pairing it with the ILSFA solar savings requirements. All households eligible for ILSFA meet the income eligibility criteria to participate in the LIDR. However, some of these households may not be enrolled in the LIDR. As such, the amount of community solar credits a customer could utilize in the Community Solar sub-program may be difficult to predict. To ensure household savings through participation in Illinois Solar for All, and to reduce the complexity of calculating a customer's community solar subscription size, the Program will prioritize Community Solar projects that commit to offering eligible subscribers no-cost subscriptions.⁵ In addition, Residential Solar (Small) offers with no ongoing customer costs will also be prioritized.

Non-Profit and Public Facilities projects and Residential Solar (Large) projects that are master-metered would not be subject to LIDRs.

1.4.5. Community Solar Anchor Tenant and Project Host

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 at any time following the applicable Trade Date by written request to the IPA and approved at the IPA's reasonable discretion. The 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.

⁴ See Section 1.3.3.1 and 5 of the Approved Vendor Manual.

⁵ If the Community Solar project includes a portion of the project for non-eligible subscribers, which would not be eligible for REC compensation, non-eligible subscribers do not have to be offered no-cost subscriptions.

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 electric utility service and the anchor tenant and the project host are both owned by the same entity, the project may receive both anchor tenant and project host points. 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.

1.4.6. Community Solar Project Size

Section 1-75(c)(1)(iii)(3) of the IPA Act, as amended by CRGA, allows Community Solar projects up to 10 MW in individual or aggregate capacity. With the updated definition of community solar allowing projects up to 10 MW, the Agency is concerned that individual projects exceeding 5 MW may exceed the available RERF or Utility budget in ILSFA, thus preventing other projects from being built and preventing the carveouts from being met. Points will now be applied to Community Solar projects equal to or less than 5 MW to encourage smaller project submissions. Total co-location capacity is not considered for the purpose of scoring.

1.5. 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 2026-2027 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 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.” The 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 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 new program year carveouts are calculated.

2. Prioritization Stages

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

2.1. Environmental Justice Community Selection (Prioritization 1)

If eligible projects in qualifying EJCs 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 EJCs will be selected and 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 the end of the program year. The remaining annual EJC budget will be allocated to eligible projects in EJCs on a first-come, first-served basis. If projects in qualifying EJCs 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 EJCs.

Projects located in a state region with a low Geographical Diversity Rank will receive additional point(s). The Geographical Diversity Rank is calculated for each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, West Central, East Central, and Southern). Table 1 below shows the prioritization process for projects in qualified EJCs using the Community Solar sub-program as an example. Additionally, points will be

awarded on a rising scale for Non-Profit and Public Facilities projects where 51% or greater participant savings are evident. Points will be awarded for Residential Solar (Small) projects where 100% participant savings are evident, and for Community Solar project where 100% participant savings (no-cost subscriptions) are evident for the proportion of capacity subscribed by income-eligible participants.

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

Prioritization 1: EJs		
(assessing the total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Income-Eligible Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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, the City of Chicago, and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services.</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
SEB	An Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2



Anchor Type	Anchor is a non-profit or public facility (Non-Profit and Public Facilities). The anchor institution must provide a Letter of Intent (LOI), and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of the project size and not more than 40% of the project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Project host	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host (PH).	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤ 100 kW	Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW.	2.5
System size > 100 kW ≤ 500 kW	Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW.	2
System size > 500kW ≤ 1000kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	1.5
System size > 1000kW ≤ 5000kW	Eligible project is greater than 1000 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW.	1
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0 /1.5/ 1/0.5/0.0
Total possible score:		17.75

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 EJC's has been reached. Projects will be pulled together into groups with 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. The final projects selected will be awarded their full incentive value, provided their 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 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 demonstrates a scenario of projects with 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	Income-Eligible status	MWBE status	SEB status	Energy Sovereignty	Anchor Type	100% Savings	System size (SS) status	Project's Region's Geographic Diversity Rank
1	850	\$2,668,789	EJC	IE		SEB	Yes	PF-PH-CSP	Yes	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	3
2	900	\$2,170,253	EJC	IE	MWBE		Yes	NP-PH	Yes	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	5
3	75	\$411,582	EJC	IE		SEB	Yes	PF-CSP	Yes	SS ≤ 100 kW	1

4	450	\$2,469,493	EJC	IE			Yes	PF-CSP	Yes	100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW	3
5	2000	\$6,490,785	EJC	IE		SEB	No	PF-PH-CSP	No	1000 kW < SS ≤ 5000 kW	6
6	5000	\$14,395,860	EJC	IE		SEB	No	NP-PH-CSP	No	SS > 5000 kW	5
7	1900	\$5,439,574	EJC				No	NP	Yes	1000 kW < SS ≤ 5000 kW	6

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 – 2.5 pts
- 100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW – 2.0 pts
- 500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW – 1.5 pts
- 1000 kW < SS ≤ 5000 kW – 1 pts
- SS > 5000 kW – 0 pts

GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY SCORE POINTS

- Region with the Geographical Diversity Rank of 1 – 2.0 pts
- Region with the Geographical Diversity Rank of 2 – 1.5 pts
- Region with the Geographical Diversity Rank of 3 – 1.0 pts
- Region with the Geographical Diversity Rank of 4 – 0.5 pts
- Regions with the Geographical Diversity Rank of 5 or 6 – 0.0 pts

The seven projects are scored and grouped into seven score groups from 15.00 points to 5.00 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 11.50 (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 EJC's 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 #	Income-Eligible score	MWBE score	SEB Score	Energy Sovereignty score	Anchor Type score	Size score	100% Savings Score	Geographical Diversity Score	Total score	Selected	Selected (CUML \$\$)
3	2	0	2	2	2.50	2.5	2	2	15.00	*	\$411,582
1	2	0	2	2	3.25	1.5	2	1	13.75	*	\$3,080,371
2	2	2	0	2	2.75	1.5	2	0	12.25	*	\$5,250,624
4	2	0	0	2	2.50	2.0	2	1	11.50	*	\$7,720,117
5	2	0	2	0	3.25	1.0	0	0	8.25		
6	2	0	2	0	3.25	0.0	0	0	7.25		
7	0	0	0	0	2.00	1.0	2	0	5.00		

The scenario below is more complicated as it involves both project selection and random selection. 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	Income-Eligible status	MWBE status	SEB status	Energy Sovereignty	Anchor Type	100% Savings	System size (SS) status	Project's Region's Geographic Diversity Rank
1	850	\$2,668,789	EJC	IE		SEB	No	PF-PH	Yes	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	3
2	900	\$2,170,253	EJC	IE	MWBE		Yes	NP-PH	Yes	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	5
3	75	\$411,582	EJC	IE		SEB	Yes	PF-CSP	Yes	SS ≤ 100 kW	1
4	450	\$2,469,493	EJC	IE			Yes	PF-CSP	Yes	100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW	3
5	2000	\$6,490,785	EJC	IE		SEB	No	PF-PH-CSP	Yes	1000 kW < SS ≤ 5000 kW	3

6	5000	\$14,395,860	EJC	IE		SEB	No	NP-PH-CSP	No	SS >5000 kW	3
7	1900	\$5,439,574	EJC				No	NP	Yes	1000 kW < SS ≤ 5000 kW	6

As shown in Table 5 below, after scoring and grouping, the highest-scoring three projects are selected. The total contract value of these projects is less than the 25% EJC target. The next group of projects, scoring 11.25 points, cumulatively exceeds the 25% target. Those projects are randomly ordered and then 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	Income-Eligible score	MWBE score	SEB Score	Energy Sovereignty score	Anchor Type score	Size score	100% Savings	Geographical Diversity Score	Total score	Selected	Selected (CUMUL \$)	
3	2	0	2	2	2.5	2.5	2	2	15.00	*	\$411,582	
2	2	2	0	2	2.75	1.5	2	0	12.25	*	\$2,581,835	
4	2	0	0	2	2.5	2	2	1	11.50	*	\$5,051,328	
1	2	0	2	0	2.75	1.5	2	1	11.25			
5	2	0	2	0	3.25	1	2	1	11.25	*	\$11,542,113	
6	2	0	2	0	3.25	0	0	1	8.25			
7	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	5.00			

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.

2.2. 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 features 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 the overall project score, with the random selection process used for groups of projects with the same score.

Projects located in a state region with a low Geographical Diversity Rank will receive additional point(s). The Geographical Diversity Rank is calculated for each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, West Central, East Central, and Southern). Additionally, points will be awarded on a rising scale for Non-Profit and Public Facilities projects where 51% or greater participant savings is evident, for Residential Solar (Small) projects where 100% participant savings is evident, and for Community Solar project where 100% participant savings (no-cost subscriptions) are evident for the proportion of capacity subscribed by income-eligible participants.

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

Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty Carveout (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Income-Eligible Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA 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	2



	<p>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>	
SEB	An Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a non-profit or public facility (Non-Profit and Public Facilities). The anchor institution must provide a Letter of Intent (LOI), and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of the project size and not more than 40% of the project size.	2
Environmental Justice Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC).	2
Project host	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host (PH).	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤100 kW	Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW.	2.5
System size >100 kW ≤ 500 kW	Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW.	2
System size >500kW ≤1000kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	1.5
System size > 1000kW ≤ 5000kW	Eligible project is greater than 1000 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW.	1

Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks	2.0 /1.5/ 1.0/0.5/0.0
Total possible score:		14 .75

If the total incentive value for eligible projects represents less than the remaining non-reserved funds for that sub-program, all eligible projects will be allocated incentives with contracts sent to the ICC for approval for projects:

- Not selected as part of the sub-program’s initial 25% allocation to EJs or
- Not selected as part of the sub-program’s initial 25% allocation to Energy Sovereignty or
- Do not feature Energy Sovereignty or are not in ILSFA-qualified EJs

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 EJs (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.

2.3. ILSFA Income-Eligible Community Selection (Prioritization 3)

In Prioritization 3, all eligible projects that were not selected in Prioritization 1 and 2 but are in EJs will have their scores reset to zero. If the percentage of the total incentive value of eligible projects in qualified Income-Eligible 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 through the process outlined in Table 3. Note that for the Income-Eligible Community prioritization, there is no income-eligible attribute to score. All projects eligible for this prioritization round must meet this requirement. Eligible projects not in Income-Eligible 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 low Geographical Diversity Rank will receive additional point(s). The Geographical Diversity Rank is calculated for each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, West Central, East Central, and Southern). 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. Additionally, points will be awarded on a rising scale for Non-Profit and Public Facilities projects where 51% or greater participant savings is evident, for Residential Solar (Small) projects where 100% participant savings is evident, and for Community Solar project where 100% participant savings (no-cost subscriptions) are evident for the proportion of capacity subscribed by income-eligible participants.

Like the EJC and Energy Sovereignty prioritizations, projects in the Income-Eligible 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 that 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 Income-Eligible projects will be placed on an Income-Eligible Waitlist based on the 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 Income-Eligible projects do not complete their contracts or are later withdrawn. Any remaining projects in qualified Income-Eligible communities, including those on the Income-Eligible 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

Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities		
(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	<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
SEB	An Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0/1.5/ 1.0/0.5/0.0
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 the project size and not more than 40% of the project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Project host	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5

System size ≤100 kW	Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW.	2.5
System size >100 kW ≤ 500 kW	Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW.	2
System size > 500 kW ≤ 1000 kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	1.5
System size > 1000kW ≤ 5000kW	Eligible project is greater than 1000 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW.	1
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2
Total possible score:		17.75

2.4. General Remaining Selection (Prioritization 4)

The General Remaining 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 Income-Eligible Community selections are reset to zero. Eligible projects will then be given points for each of the following attributes: MWBE Vendor, SEB Approved Vendor, Energy Sovereignty (for the Residential Solar (Large), Non-Profit and Public Facilities, and Community Solar sub-programs), EJC, Income-Eligible Community (and if a community solar project, Non-Profit and Public Facilities Anchor Type, and the potential for additional Project Host and Critical Service Provider points). Additionally, points will be awarded on a rising scale for Non-Profit and Public Facilities projects where 51% or greater participant savings are evident, for Residential Solar (Small) projects where 100% participant savings are evident, and for Community Solar projects where 100% participant savings (no-cost subscriptions) are evident for the proportion of capacity subscribed by income-eligible participants.

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
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Type (NP vs PF)	Project Size (2000 kW)	Group (A vs B)
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 Non-Profit and Public Facilities, 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 Income-Eligible 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
Income-Eligible community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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

SEB	An Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a Non-Profit and Public Facilities. 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 the project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Project host	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2
Total possible score:		13.25

3. Randomization and Resizing

3.1. 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](#).

3.2. 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., EJCs 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 Sections 10.16 and 10.17 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 10.7 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 ten business days of being first notified of the resizing options.

4. Appendix A. Residential Solar Scoring Charts

TABLE A.1. PRIORITIZATION 1

Note: Applicable for both Residential Solar sub-programs (Small and Large) Prioritization 1: EICs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Income-Eligible community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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
SEB	An Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2

Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to participants is .100%.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature and is a Residential Solar (Large) project.	2
Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives, and Municipal Utilities located in MISO.	If the 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 the total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Total possible score:		8

TABLE A.2. PRIORITIZATION 2

Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Income-Eligible community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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
SEB	An Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC).	1
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to participants is 100%.	12
Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives, and Municipal Utilities located in MISO.	If the 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 the total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Total possible score:		7

TABLE A.3. PRIORITIZATION 3

Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities (assessing total incentive value of qualifying projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives, and Municipal Utilities located in MISO.	If the 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 the total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
SEB	An Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to participants is 100%.	2
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC).	1
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature and is a Residential Solar (Large) project.	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	1



	<p>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>	
Total possible score:		8

TABLE A.4. PRIORITIZATION 4

Prioritization 4: Project Diversity		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC).	1
Income-Eligible community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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</p>	1

	REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature and is a Residential Solar (Large) project.	2
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is 100%, points will be awarded.	2
Total possible score:		9

5. Appendix B. Community Solar Scoring Charts

TABLE B.1. PRIORITIZATION 1

Prioritization 1: EJs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:



Income-Eligible Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a Non-Profit and Public Facilities. 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 the project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Project host	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW.	2.5

System size 101 – 500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW.	2
System size 501 kW-1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	1.5
System size 1001 kW-5000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 1001 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW.	1
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0 /1.5/ 1.0/0.5 /0.0
Total possible score:		14 .75

TABLE B.2. PRIORITIZATION 2

Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty		
(assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Income-Eligible Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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.	2



	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.	
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a Non-Profit and Public Facilities. 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 the project size.	2
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC).	2
Project host	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional, if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤ 100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW.	2.5
System size 101 – 500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW.	2
System size 501 kW- 1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	1.5
System size 1001 kW- 5000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 1001 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW.	1
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2

Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0 /1.5/ 1.0/0.5/0.0
Total possible score:		14 .75

TABLE B.3. PRIORITIZATION 3

Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities (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	<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>	2
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0 /1.5/ 1.0/0.5/0.0
Anchor Type	Anchor is a Non-Profit and Public Facilities. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant	2

	subscription must be at least 10% of the project size and not more than 40% of the project size.	
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Project host	Additional, the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional, the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW.	2.5
System size 101–500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW.	2
System size 501 kW-1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	1.5
System size 1001 kW-5000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 1001 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW.	1
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2
Total possible score:	14.75	

TABLE B.4. PRIORITIZATION 4

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



Income-Eligible Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a Non-Profit and Public Facilities. 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 the project size.	2
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor Non-Profit and Public Facilities is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
Participant Savings	Percentage savings passed to eligible subscribers is 100%.	2

If the cumulative incentive value for the entire portfolio, after balancing on the group, has <30% below or above the 250 kW threshold, select projects in the underrepresented category until 30% is reached.

Total possible score:	11.25
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6. Appendix C. Non-Profit and Public Facilities Scoring Charts

TABLE C.1. PRIORITIZATION 1

Prioritization 1: EJs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Income-Eligible community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
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.
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0 / 1.5/ 1.0/0.5/1.0
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit.	If the 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 the 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 Non-Profit and Public Facilities project is less than or equal to 200 kW.	If the 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 Non-Profit and Public Facilities project is greater than 200 kW.	If the total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Total possible score:		12

TABLE C.2. PRIORITIZATION 2

Prioritization 2: Energy Sovereignty (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute	Definition	Score
Income-Eligible community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible 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 but not limited to the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the	1



	<p>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>	
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
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.
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0 /1.5/ 1.0/0.5/0.0
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC).	1
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit.	If the 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 the 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 Non-Profit and Public Facilities project is less than or equal to 200 kW.	If the 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 Non-Profit and Public Facilities project is greater than 200 kW.	If the total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Total possible score: 11		

TABLE C.3. PRIORITIZATION 3

Prioritization 3: Income-Eligible Communities (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute	Definition	Score
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or 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</p>	1



	with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
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.
Geographical Diversity Score	The Geographical Diversity Score is based on the rank of the region the project is in, with higher scores for regions with lower ranks.	2.0 /1.5/ 1.0/0.5/0.0
Energy Sovereignty	Project has the Energy Sovereignty Feature.	2
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit.	If the 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 the 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 Non-Profit and Public Facilities project is less than or equal to 200 kW.	If the 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 Non-Profit and Public Facilities project is greater than 200 kW.	If the total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Total possible score:		12

TABLE C.4. PRIORITIZATION 4

Prioritization 4: Project Diversity		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC).	1
Income-Eligible community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA Income-Eligible community.	1
MWBE	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. 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.	1
SEB	Approved Vendor that is registered with Illinois Shines as a Small and Emerging Business.	2
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 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.
If the cumulative incentive value for the entire portfolio, after balancing on the group, has <30% of projects on NP or PF, select projects in the underrepresented category until 30% is reached.		
If the cumulative incentive value for the entire portfolio, after balancing on project type, is <30% below or above the 200 kW threshold, select projects in the underrepresented category until 30% is reached.		