

# Why is Sunnyside Community Solar a bright idea?

Learn more through our FAQs

## *Program Details*

- 1. What is community solar?** Community solar is a larger solar facility where individual members subscribe to receive a portion of the power produced as a credit on their electricity bills.
- 2. What is the Sunnyside Community Solar Program?** The Sunnyside Community Solar Program allows LPEA members to subscribe to solar energy without installing their own solar panels. Members can access solar energy generated from a shared solar array and receive credits on their energy bills. About half of the Sunnyside Community Solar Program is dedicated specifically to income-qualified LPEA members, and another portion of the program will be open to any residential or commercial LPEA member in the general membership.
- 3. What do you mean by “subscription”?** A “subscription” refers to the amount of the solar power an individual member will receive. Subscriptions are sized in kilowatts (kW) DC and will be sized based on participating members’ historical usage, up to a limit. You’re not getting power from a particular panel, but from your portion of the overall output of the array. Reference the Subscription FAQs for more details.
- 4. How large is the Sunnyside solar array?** Total capacity is 2.125 MW DC, 1.7 MW AC with the annual energy generated to power up to 600 homes. There are 3,627 panels installed.
- 5. Who is eligible to participate?** Any LPEA member who does not already have solar or participate in a community solar garden. Income-qualified members will need to provide proof of income or participation in another qualifying program in order to apply for the income-qualified program. Find more information in the Income-Qualified FAQs.
- 6. What are the benefits of participating in the Sunnyside Community Solar Program?** Participants benefit from accessing solar energy without upfront costs or installation legwork, reducing their energy bills, and contributing to greenhouse gas reduction goals. Income-qualified members will also receive a 20% energy savings on their electric bill and subscriptions are FREE.



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