



Nevada Solar for All (NSFA) Program Guidance

for

Community Solar Subscribers

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1. About the Nevada Clean Energy Fund

The Nevada Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting a thriving, affordable, and accessible clean energy economy by providing financial and technical resources to Nevadans. NCEF's programs are designed to accelerate clean energy growth in the state, reduce energy costs, create jobs, and meaningfully address climate change. NCEF was established by Nevada statute in 2017 to serve as the state's nonprofit green bank. More information about NCEF is available at nevadacef.org.

2. Program Overview

In 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a \$156 million Solar for All grant to NCEF to implement programs in Nevada that enable communities to benefit from distributed solar energy. The Nevada Solar for All (NSFA) programs must deliver the equivalent of at least 20% monthly savings to every participating household, with a standard monthly savings amount set based on the average utility bill across the utility's service territory. NCEF selected United Way of Southern Nevada as its partner to help administer the NSFA Community Solar Subscriber Program.

This Community Solar Subscriber Program Guidance should be used by households in Nevada who are interested in subscribing to receive monthly payments from community solar systems (referred to as "Subscribers" throughout this document). See Section 2 for details about eligibility and participation.

Property owners that are interested in becoming community solar site hosts should visit <https://nevadacef.org/solar-for-all/> to view the separate community solar site host guidance.

3. Disclaimers

NCEF may update this Program Guidance on a regular basis to reflect changing economic, regulatory, or operational circumstances.

Solar for All is a federal grant program authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act and administered by the EPA. Legislative, regulatory, or administrative changes may impact program implementation.

4. Contact NCEF

For questions about eligibility, application assistance, updates to household information (i.e., for approved applicants), or any other questions or concerns related to program participation, please contact United Way of Southern Nevada at 702-892-2300 or communitysolar@uwsn.org.

For other general Solar for All inquiries, you may contact NCEF at nevadasolarforall@nevadacef.org.

SECTION 2: COMMUNITY SOLAR SUBSCRIBER PROGRAM

1. Program Description

Eligible households can subscribe to receive a monthly stipend associated with the energy savings from larger community solar systems across Nevada. As a result, subscribers can receive the benefits of solar without the need to put solar panels on their roof and at no added cost. NCEF separately works with the larger community solar site hosts to build the projects, which, under the Solar for All program, are required to share at least 50% of the financial benefits with eligible community solar subscribers.

NCEF and its partner, United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN), implement the transfer of benefits from community solar projects to subscriber households by providing a monthly stipend. UWSN is a trusted community nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families across Southern Nevada by fostering financial stability, advancing education, and promoting access to resources. With a strong network of community partners and a deep-rooted commitment to equity, UWSN ensures that the financial benefits from the Nevada Solar for All program reach eligible households efficiently and transparently. Through this collaboration, UWSN helps reduce energy burdens for low- and moderate-income families, empowering them to allocate more of their household income toward essential needs, ultimately enhancing their overall quality of life.

Households unable to participate in other NSFA or solar programs are encouraged to apply to the Community Solar Subscriber program. This includes renters that are not participating in the NSFA Multifamily Affordable Housing Program as well as single-family homes that are unable to install rooftop solar on their own homes.

2. Types of Assistance

Financial Assistance: NCEF will distribute monthly stipends to community solar subscribers through UWSN via credits to subscriber's energy bills. Stipends will meet or exceed the equivalent of 20% monthly utility bill savings, compared to an average utility bill across the utility's service territory. The value of the monthly stipend is fixed across all participating households and annually updated to ensure it is equivalent to the 20% savings target. UWSN will also manage ongoing customer service (e.g., changes to account details) for subscriber households.

Stipends will be provided via energy credits to subscriber's energy bills or through ACH bank transfer in instances where energy bills cannot be otherwise credited. In limited instances, stipends may be provided through mailed checks.

Technical Assistance: NCEF will regularly provide subscriber households with information about opportunities to further reduce household energy costs. Resources could include residential energy audit incentives in addition to education about complementary upgrades and stacking other non-solar federal, state, and utility incentives.

3. Household Eligibility Criteria

Households must meet the following criteria to be eligible as a community solar subscriber:

- Households must be located in Nevada and must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Households located in a census tract identified as low-income and disadvantaged, as included in Appendix 1; or
 - Households meeting at least one of the income qualification pathways in Table 1.
- Household must not have received financial assistance (i.e., loans, rebates, or cash/cash equivalent) from any other [Nevada Solar for All](#) program at the time of application. In addition, the household is the community solar subscriber, not the individual within the household that applies. A single household cannot subscribe to the program multiple times.
- Households must not be participating in other programs that provide solar benefits, such as NV Energy's Expanded Solar Access Program.
- Households must not have solar on their home or property, and if they live in a single-family home, they must demonstrate that it is infeasible to have solar on the roof or property (the [NSFA direct financing and lease programs](#) can help single-family households explore solar installation options).

Applicants are required to submit address, income, and utility bill information when applying. UWSN will review and confirm applicant eligibility based on the criteria noted in this document.

Table 1. Pathways for income qualification

Income Qualification Pathway	Details
1. Metropolitan Areas	Income at or below the greater of (1) 80% Area Median Income (AMI) or (2) 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. See Appendix 2.
2. Non-Metropolitan Areas	Income at or below the greater of (1) 80% Statewide Non-Metropolitan Area AMI; or (3) 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. See Appendix 2.
3. Eligible Program Participation	<p>Individuals and households currently approved for assistance from or participation in at least one of the following income-based or income-verified federal assistance programs, with an award letter within the last 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; ▪ U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; ▪ U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program; ▪ Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Support for Affordable Communications; ▪ USDA's National School Lunch Program; ▪ U.S. Social Security Administration's Supplemental Security Income; ▪ or any other verified government or non-profit program serving Asset Limited, Income Constrained, employed (ALICE) individuals or households designated by the EPA Administrator

In addition to these eligibility requirements, the NSFA Community Solar Subscriber program prioritizes applicants based on certain demographic information in order to meet the following targets:

- At least 75% of subscribers meet at least one income qualification pathway in Table 1.

- At least 15% of subscribers are located in [Persistent Poverty Communities](#).
- At least 30% of subscribers are renters.

4. Application

Step One: Prospective community solar subscribers can first verify their eligibility by referring to the census tract eligibility requirements in Section 2.3 and Appendix 1, and/or to the income eligibility requirements presented in Section 2.3 and Appendix 2. **Households are strongly encouraged to proceed to Step Two if they have any uncertainty or confusion about their eligibility.** NCEF and its partners will confirm eligibility during application review.

Step Two: Interested households should submit a response to NCEF's Solar for All Screening Form at: <https://form.jotform.com/NCEF/nevada-solar-for-all>

Step Three: The Solar for All Screening Form will redirect the applicant to the correct Solar for All program, based on the applicant's responses.

Other details:

- **Application timing:** The anticipated period during which participating community solar subscriber households will receive monthly stipend payments under this program will be through April 2029. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications will be prioritized according to the targets in Section 2.3 to equitably serve target populations. Accepted applicants may be placed on a waitlist prior to receiving monthly stipends. Accepted applicants that are placed on a waitlist will be first in line to begin to receive monthly stipends as each new NSFA community solar project begins operation.
- **Application assistance:** Applicants may contact USWN at any time to receive assistance in submitting an application form. See Table 2 for UWSN contact details. Applicants may also learn more through the community outreach programs that NCEF provides in partnership with UWSN and other community nonprofits, in addition to the NSFA Community Ambassadors and other educational and awareness-raising events. Visit NCEF's website at <https://nevadacef.org/events/> for an up-to-date list of NSFA events.

Table 2. NSFA Community Solar Subscriber Application Assistance

Organization	Phone	Email
United Way of Southern Nevada	702-892-2300	Communitysolar@uwsn.org

5. Other Information

Tax and Income Implications: Participants should be aware that there may be tax implications associated with participating in this program, particularly depending on whether the participant is able to receive the benefit as a utility bill credit. Cash benefits may count as taxable income and could affect eligibility for other income-qualifying programs such as SNAP. NCEF is not a financial advisor and does not provide tax advice. Participants should consult their tax professional for personalized advice regarding the implications of receiving financial assistance under any NSFA program.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Eligible Census Tracts for Community Solar Project Subscribers

See Table A1-1 below for eligible census tracts in Nevada. To confirm the eligibility of your census tract, look up your 11-digit census tract geographic identifier (GEOID) under the 2020 census tract boundaries by entering your address in the Census Bureau mapping tool available at www.census.gov/data/data-tools/2020-census-tract.html. The 11-digit number is your census tract and will be in the table below if it is an eligible census tract. You may use the search function in your browser or .pdf viewer or use the “Control-F” (PC) or “Command-F” (Mac) keyboard shortcut to search the below tables for your 11-digit census tract identifier. If your census tract is not listed in these tables, you still may be eligible for participation (see Section 2.3 and Appendix 2). Interested households are strongly encouraged to apply if they are uncertain about their eligibility.

Table A1-1: Census tracts eligible for program participation

County	Census Tract Number	County	Census Tract Number
Carson City	32510000502	Clark County	32003000800
Carson City	32510000600	Clark County	32003000900
Carson City	32510000900	Clark County	32003001004
Carson City	32510001001	Clark County	32003001100
Churchill County	32001950301	Clark County	32003001200
Churchill County	32001950302	Clark County	32003001300
Churchill County	32001950500	Clark County	32003001401
Clark County	32003000101	Clark County	32003001402
Clark County	32003000103	Clark County	32003001501
Clark County	32003000105	Clark County	32003001502
Clark County	32003000106	Clark County	32003001607
Clark County	32003000107	Clark County	32003001608
Clark County	32003000108	Clark County	32003001609
Clark County	32003000109	Clark County	32003001610
Clark County	32003000201	Clark County	32003001611
Clark County	32003000203	Clark County	32003001612
Clark County	32003000301	Clark County	32003001613
Clark County	32003000302	Clark County	32003001707
Clark County	32003000401	Clark County	32003001708
Clark County	32003000402	Clark County	32003001710
Clark County	32003000403	Clark County	32003001711
Clark County	32003000510	Clark County	32003001712
Clark County	32003000513	Clark County	32003001713
Clark County	32003000514	Clark County	32003001715
Clark County	32003000515	Clark County	32003001716
Clark County	32003000516	Clark County	32003001718
Clark County	32003000517	Clark County	32003001801
Clark County	32003000518	Clark County	32003001803
Clark County	32003000519	Clark County	32003001804
Clark County	32003000520	Clark County	32003001901
Clark County	32003000521	Clark County	32003001902
Clark County	32003000522	Clark County	32003002000
Clark County	32003000523	Clark County	32003002201
Clark County	32003000524	Clark County	32003002203
Clark County	32003000525	Clark County	32003002204

Clark County	32003000526
Clark County	32003000527
Clark County	32003000528
Clark County	32003000600
Clark County	32003000700
Clark County	32003002405
Clark County	32003002406
Clark County	32003002501
Clark County	32003002504
Clark County	32003002505
Clark County	32003002506
Clark County	32003002603
Clark County	32003002604
Clark County	32003002605
Clark County	32003002706
Clark County	32003002707
Clark County	32003002708
Clark County	32003002822
Clark County	32003002830
Clark County	32003002832
Clark County	32003002845
Clark County	32003002847
Clark County	32003002905
Clark County	32003002936
Clark County	32003002937
Clark County	32003002938
Clark County	32003002944
Clark County	32003002946
Clark County	32003002948
Clark County	32003002952
Clark County	32003002954
Clark County	32003002962
Clark County	32003002964
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Clark County	32003002995
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Clark County	32003003003
Clark County	32003003004
Clark County	32003003102
Clark County	32003003103
Clark County	32003003104
Clark County	32003004713
Clark County	32003004714
Clark County	32003004715
Clark County	32003004716
Clark County	32003004717
Clark County	32003004910
Clark County	32003004911
Clark County	32003004912
Clark County	32003004915
Clark County	32003004916

Clark County	32003002206
Clark County	32003002207
Clark County	32003002302
Clark County	32003002403
Clark County	32003002404
Clark County	32003003254
Clark County	32003003409
Clark County	32003003413
Clark County	32003003415
Clark County	32003003416
Clark County	32003003418
Clark County	32003003419
Clark County	32003003420
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Clark County	32003003429
Clark County	32003003430
Clark County	32003003431
Clark County	32003003500
Clark County	32003003613
Clark County	32003003615
Clark County	32003003616
Clark County	32003003617
Clark County	32003003643
Clark County	32003003644
Clark County	32003003700
Clark County	32003003800
Clark County	32003004000
Clark County	32003004100
Clark County	32003004200
Clark County	32003004301
Clark County	32003004302
Clark County	32003004401
Clark County	32003004402
Clark County	32003004500
Clark County	32003004601
Clark County	32003004602
Clark County	32003004703
Clark County	32003004707
Clark County	32003004709
Clark County	32003004710
Clark County	32003004712
Clark County	32003006001
Clark County	32003006201
Clark County	32003007100
Clark County	32003007200
Clark County	32003007800
Douglas County	32005002400
Douglas County	32005002500
Elko County	32007951000
Elko County	32007951700
Esmeralda County	32009950100

Clark County	32003004920
Clark County	32003004921
Clark County	32003004923
Clark County	32003004924
Clark County	32003004925
Clark County	32003004926
Clark County	32003005005
Clark County	32003005006
Clark County	32003005010
Clark County	32003005011
Clark County	32003005014
Clark County	32003005017
Clark County	32003005200
Clark County	32003005336
Clark County	32003005421
Clark County	32003005422
Clark County	32003005423
Clark County	32003005438
Clark County	32003005439
Clark County	32003005607
Clark County	32003005612
Clark County	32003005614
Clark County	32003005615
Clark County	32003005702
Clark County	32003005703
Clark County	32003005704
Clark County	32003005705
Clark County	32003005809
Clark County	32003005818
Clark County	32003005905
Clark County	32003006202
Clark County	32003006800
Clark County	32003006900
Lyon County	32019960301
Lyon County	32019960900
Mineral County	32021970700
Mineral County	32021970800
Nye County	32023960200
Nye County	32023960300
Nye County	32023960401
Nye County	32023960402

Humboldt County	32013010600
Humboldt County	32013010701
Lyon County	32019960102
Lyon County	32019960103
Lyon County	32019960201
Lyon County	32019960202
Nye County	32023960403
Nye County	32023960404
Nye County	32023960405
Washoe County	32031000102
Washoe County	32031000201
Washoe County	32031000202
Washoe County	32031000700
Washoe County	32031000900
Washoe County	32031001008
Washoe County	32031001009
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Washoe County	32031001701
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Washoe County	32031001802
Washoe County	32031001901
Washoe County	32031001902
Washoe County	32031002107
Washoe County	32031002211
Washoe County	32031002204
Washoe County	32031002212
Washoe County	32031002703
Washoe County	32031002704
Washoe County	32031002706
Washoe County	32031002801
Washoe County	32031002802
Washoe County	32031003000
Washoe County	32031003306
Washoe County	32031940200
Washoe County	32031980000
Washoe County	32031990100
Washoe County	32031002902
White Pine County	32033970200
White Pine County	32033970300

Appendix 2: Income Qualification¹

As noted in Section 2.3, the household income limit for the income verification pathway is the greater of 80% Area Median Income (AMI) as presented in Table A2-1 or 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as presented in Table A2-2. If you are not below the income limits listed in these tables, you still may be eligible for participation (see Section 2.3 and Appendix 1). Interested households are strongly encouraged to apply if they are uncertain about their eligibility.

Table A2: 80% Area Median Income Limits

Nevada Statistical area: (Non) Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Carson City, NV MSA	\$51,700	\$59,100	\$66,500	\$73,850	\$79,800	\$85,700	\$91,600	\$97,500
Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV MSA	\$53,350	\$60,950	\$68,550	\$76,150	\$82,250	\$88,350	\$94,450	\$100,550
Reno, NV MSA	\$56,700	\$64,800	\$72,900	\$80,950	\$87,450	\$93,950	\$100,400	\$106,900
Churchill County, NV non MSA	\$53,350	\$60,950	\$68,550	\$76,150	\$82,250	\$88,350	\$94,450	\$100,550
Douglas County, NV non MSA	\$56,400	\$64,450	\$72,500	\$80,550	\$87,000	\$93,450	\$99,900	\$106,350
Elko County, NV non MSA	\$59,650	\$68,200	\$76,700	\$85,200	\$92,050	\$98,850	\$105,650	\$112,500
Esmeralda County, NV non MSA	\$53,100	\$60,700	\$68,300	\$75,850	\$81,950	\$88,000	\$94,100	\$100,150
Eureka County, NV non MSA	\$54,550	\$62,350	\$70,150	\$77,900	\$84,200	\$90,400	\$96,650	\$102,850
Humboldt County, NV non MSA	\$51,700	\$59,100	\$66,500	\$73,850	\$79,800	\$85,700	\$91,600	\$97,500
Lander County, NV non MSA	\$60,600	\$69,250	\$77,900	\$86,550	\$93,500	\$100,400	\$107,350	\$114,250
Lincoln County, NV non MSA	\$51,700	\$59,100	\$66,500	\$73,850	\$79,800	\$85,700	\$91,600	\$97,500
Lyon County, NV non MSA	\$51,700	\$59,100	\$66,500	\$73,850	\$79,800	\$85,700	\$91,600	\$97,500
Mineral County, NV non MSA	\$51,700	\$59,100	\$66,500	\$73,850	\$79,800	\$85,700	\$91,600	\$97,500
Nye County, NV non MSA	\$51,700	\$59,100	\$66,500	\$73,850	\$79,800	\$85,700	\$91,600	\$97,500
Pershing County, NV non MSA	\$51,700	\$59,100	\$66,500	\$73,850	\$79,800	\$85,700	\$91,600	\$97,500
White Pine County, NV non MSA	\$53,350	\$60,950	\$68,550	\$76,150	\$82,250	\$88,350	\$94,450	\$100,550

¹ The information contained in Appendix 2 is only relevant to households interested in participating as a community solar project subscriber. Interested community solar site hosts are not subject to any income qualification.

Table A2-2: 200% of [the Federal Poverty Level \(FPL\)](#)

Household Size	200%
1 person	\$30,120
2 person	\$40,880
3 person	\$51,640
4 person	\$62,400
5 person	\$73,160
6 person	\$83,920
7 person	\$94,680
8 person	\$105,440
Each person over 8, add	\$10,760