

The background of the slide is a photograph of a modern solar carport. The carport has a yellow frame and a roof covered in solar panels. Two cars, a silver sedan and a dark grey SUV, are parked under the carport and are connected to charging stations. The scene is set outdoors with trees in the background. The entire image has a semi-transparent green overlay.

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Grant Funding Opportunities Webinars
May 5 and 6, 2025

Agenda:

- Climate Bank Overview
- Grant Funding Opportunities Overview
- SolarApp+ Adoption and Implementation Grants
- Residential Solar Outreach Grants
- Stretch Code Adoption Grants
- Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Grants
- Q&A
- Other IFA Resources



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CLIMATE BANK PURPOSE

- (1) the distribution of the benefits of clean energy in an equitable manner;
 - (2) making clean energy accessible to all; and
 - (3) *accelerating the investment of private capital into clean energy projects in a manner reflective of the geographic, racial, ethnic, gender, and income-level diversity of the State.*
- Climate & Equitable Jobs Act,
2021 (20 ILCS 3501/850-15)

Grant Funding Opportunities Overview-Solar For All



In April 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) lawfully awarded \$156,000,000 to the Illinois Climate Bank through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's (GGRF) Solar For All (SFA) Program, which was congressionally approved through the Inflation Reduction Act.



Through the Solar For All Program, the Illinois Climate Bank will implement several programs and initiatives that align with Illinois state policy and CEJA.



In October 2024, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) lawfully awarded the State of Illinois' Environmental Protection Agency (IL EPA), \$430,000,000 under the congressionally approved Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement several initiatives and programs across 5 key sectors. These sectors include buildings, transportation, agriculture, power, and industry.



The Illinois Climate Bank received a subaward of \$137,000,000 to implement several initiatives and programs under the CPRG award that aligns with Illinois state policy and CEJA.

Grant Funding Opportunities Overview

The Illinois Climate Bank currently has four open competitive grant solicitations, each aligned with Illinois' climate and equity goals.

| Grant Opportunity Name | Funding Source | Estimated Total Current Program Funding | Award Range | NOFO Posted Date | Application Due Date | Eligible Applicants |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|
| SolarApp+ Adoption and Implementation | GGRF-SFA | \$300,000 | \$20,000-\$30,000 per award | April 11, 2025 | May 11, 2025 | Units of local government |
| Residential Solar Outreach Grants | GGRF-SFA | \$2,600,000 | \$100,000-\$500,000 per award | April 18, 2025 | May 19, 2025 | Units of local government and nonprofits |
| Stretch Code Adoption Grants | CPRG | \$3,600,000 | Up to \$200,000 per award | April 22, 2025 | May 23, 2025 | Units of local government |
| Small Utility Clean Energy Planning | CPRG | \$400,000 | Up to \$200,000 per award | May 1, 2025 | June 3, 2025 | Municipal and cooperative electric utilities |

SolarApp+ Adoption and Implementation Grants

Program Summary and Objectives

SolarAPP+ is a no-cost permitting software developed by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to streamline permitting processes for standardized residential solar systems. The software works as either a standalone service or can be integrated with existing permitting software (Accela, EnerGov, E-TRAKiT). SolarAPP+ automates rooftop solar plan reviews and produces instant compliance approvals. SolarApp+ reduces permitting staff workload and streamlines approval.

The program objectives include:

1. Administrative efficiency,
2. Community impact, and
3. Long-Term sustainability

Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Open to units of local government
- \$300,000 available, awards up to \$30,000
- Application window: April 11 – May 11, 2025
- NOFO located at: <https://www.il-fa.com/programs/sfa/info>



Key Elements and Eligible Activities

- Grants must support the deployment of SolarAPP+.
- Grants can fund software implementation, training, and staff time.
- Grants can fund updates to electrical codes needed to facilitate the adoption and implementation of SolarApp+.
- Training for permitting staff and vendors, and solar installation contractors
- Illinois Climate Bank is in discussions with NREL to obtain training resources.

Residential Solar Outreach Grants

Program Summary and Objectives

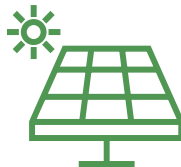
Competitive grants to (1) provide intensive outreach and assistance to residents with low-incomes applying for the Illinois Solar for All Residential Solar (Small) program, and (2) provide shared services to outreach and assistance grantees. The Illinois Solar for All Residential Solar (Small) program provides no-cost solar system installations to income-qualified residents in 1-4 unit homes.

The program objectives include:

1. Comprehensive Outreach and Support Services; and
2. Increased Capacity for Implementation and Long- Term Impact

Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Open to units of local government and nonprofits
- \$2,600,000 available, awards up to \$100,000- \$500,000
- Application window: April 18 – May 19, 2025
- NOFO located at: <https://www.il-fa.com/programs/sfa/info>



Eligible Activities

- Customer education, outreach, and assistance with IL SFA program activities
- Coordinating with key stakeholders
- Assisting residents with related services necessary to proceeding with ILSFA
- Outreach and grassroots organizer trainings
- Creating key materials, facilitating outreach and engagement effort
- See NOFO for more information

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Stretch Code Adoption Grants

Program Summary and Objectives

The Stretch Building Code Grant Program is designed to facilitate the adoption, implementation, and enforcement of the Illinois Stretch Energy Code by supporting units of local governments with the necessary resources to navigate this process. The program will provide financial support for education, community engagement, and technical assistance to ensure that municipalities are well-equipped to integrate the stretch code into their regulatory frameworks

The program objectives include:

1. Municipal awareness and capacity building,
2. Community engagement and education,
3. Incremental code modernization, and
4. Emissions reductions and energy efficiency improvements

Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Open to units of local government
- \$3,600,000 currently available, awards up to \$200,000
- Application window: April 22 – May 23, 2025
- NOFO located at: <https://www.il-fa.com/programs/cprg>
- Requirement to report on key metrics including GHG emissions reductions



Eligible Activities

- Staff time, and municipal leadership/city council education and training on the stretch energy code
- Community outreach and public engagement on stretch energy code adoption and implementation
- A staged approach to code modernization with an update to key base codes that enables the stretch energy code
- Tracking and reporting energy savings and GHG emissions reductions
- Please see the NOFO for more information

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Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Grant

Program Summary and Objectives

The Small Utility Clean Energy Planning Grant Program will support municipal electric utilities and cooperative electric utilities in aligning power generation planning and procurement with Illinois' Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA's) goal of 100% carbon-free power by 2045.

The program objectives include:

1. Clean energy roadmap and strategy development,
2. Utility capacity building and procurement readiness, and
3. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions

Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Open municipal and cooperative electric utilities
- \$400,000 currently available, awards up to \$200,000
- Application window: May 1, 2025–June 3, 2025
- NOFO located at: <https://www.il-fa.com/programs/cprg>
- Requirement to report on key metrics including GHG emissions reductions

Eligible Activities

- Conducting technical and financial assessments
- Technical assistance or consultant support for clean energy procurement
- Clean energy procurement strategy development
- Securing renewable PPA's or clean power agreements
- Clean energy roadmap development and reporting
- GHG emissions tracking
- Please see the NOFO for more information



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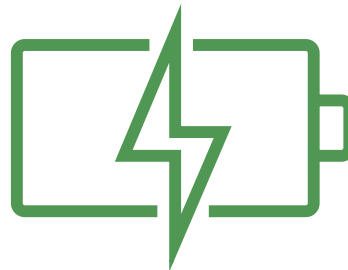
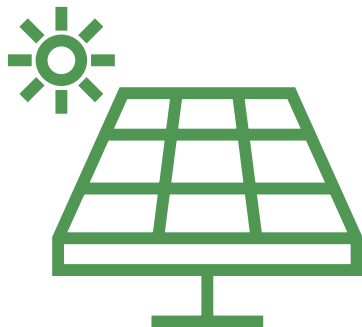
Q&A

Contact for Further Questions

This presentation and questions and answers from today's webinar will be posted on the Climate Bank's website:

- Illinois Solar For All: <https://www.il-fa.com/programs/sfa>
- Illinois Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: <https://www.il-fa.com/programs/cprg>

If you have further questions, please send them to ClimateBank@IL-FA.com by the date that questions are closing, listed in the program NOFO.





Private Activity Bonds

IFA issues tax-exempt qualified private activity bonds for 501(c)(3) organizations and other conduit borrowers. Borrowers work with banks, underwriters, or placement agents of their own choosing.



State Small Business Credit Initiative

IFA provides low-cost financing to small businesses for eligible climate-related projects.



Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Bonds

IFA has statewide authorization to issue bonds and notes to fund eligible building improvements in any PACE area. Eligible improvements include energy efficiency, renewable energy, water use, and EV charging stations. Projects located in Cook County are not currently eligible.