



Community Solar Energy Sovereignty Grant

The Community Solar Energy Sovereignty Grant (CSES) provides \$8.5 million annually in pre-development funding to support activities related to community solar projects and/or development of programs or entities to assist in the long-term governance, management, and maintenance of community solar projects.

Eligible Applicants:

- Community-based Organizations (CBOs)
- A public entity (if no CBO in the surrounding community has ability/capacity)
- Technical service provider in partnership with a CBO

Grant funds can be utilized for an array of activities taking place during Phase 1: Planning and Feasibility and/or Phase 2: Pre-Development.

CSES funds cannot be used for construction or implementation costs.



Marketing & Outreach



Purchase/Lease Land



Financing



Community Ownership Model Development



Staff & Operations



Site Identification & Assessments



Interconnection Costs



Permits, Zoning, Fixing Code Violations



Equipment & Supplies

Allowable costs include but are not limited to the items above.

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