



Municipal Community Solar

A municipally-led Community Solar Program (Municipal Community Solar) puts residents' interests first, allowing low-and-moderate-income residents to lower their electricity bills - at no cost to the municipality.

Gabel Associates, a New Jersey-based energy consulting firm with deep experience in energy programs for municipalities, is now offering Community Solar services for municipalities. This includes program development, administration, project procurement, and drafting the application into the program.

Under Municipal Community Solar, your residents purchase low-cost solar energy from remote solar projects, **reducing their utility bills without installing solar panels on their roof.** The program serves 100% low-and-moderate-income residents in order to maximize the program's benefits for those most in need.

Why should a municipality join Municipal Community Solar?

- ✓ **Over 20% Savings:** The program allows individually metered customers to avoid paying their utility energy rate (between 14-16 cents) by purchasing solar energy from a remote site, resulting in more than 20% savings per household. Master metered multi-family affordable housing may also participate.
- ✓ **Secure Procurement:** Municipal Community Solar empowers municipalities to oversee the process, in the interest of their residents. A solar provider is procured through a long-term (15 year) Agreement, where the solar developer handles the financing, ownership, maintenance, and financial and operating risks of the solar project. This program comes at no cost to the municipality or taxpayers.
- ✓ **Efficient Enrollment:** Low-and-moderate-income customers are enrolled on an "opt-out" basis, streamlining participant acquisition without the need for costly and burdensome door-to-door efforts. Gabel Associates helps establish and maintain an eligible pool of customers, and undertakes customer outreach and community education.
- ✓ **Community Involvement:** Gabel Associates conducts significant community outreach on behalf of the municipality to ensure all eligible residents are aware of the program and their right to opt-out from the program at any time without penalty.
- ✓ **Continuity of Service:** Participants maintain their connection to the local electric utility, with the same reliability of service. The solar project injects electricity into the grid remotely, and the value and savings are transferred to customers, resulting in reduced energy costs on their utility bill.

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Gabel Associates, an energy consulting firm in Highland Park, New Jersey, has three decades of expertise in the energy field. Gabel has developed over 200 renewable projects and worked with hundreds of municipalities, school districts, and public entities in New Jersey to reduce energy costs and improve environmental footprints. See gabelassociates.com for more information.