

# COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

A unique opportunity to bring community solar to disadvantaged communities.

Sponsors



Expanding upon California's success in the adoption of residential rooftop solar, Assembly Bill 327 helps lead the way for our disadvantaged communities (DACs) to have access to clean energy. Cities, local governments, and non-profit organizations have the unique opportunity to bring solar energy and lower electric bills to their income-qualified neighborhoods through the new Community Solar Program.

At Southern California Edison (SCE), we're ready to assist you in bringing clean energy and lower energy bills to your community. We will contract with a project developer to make sure the delivery of clean energy is seamless for you and your residents.

To determine if your community is within an approved Disadvantaged Community (DAC) eligible for the Community Solar Program, visit [cpuc.ca.gov/discom](http://cpuc.ca.gov/discom).

## COMMUNITY RESIDENT BENEFITS

Residents will benefit from a 20% SCE bill credit in addition to any eligible CARE/FERA customer discount (CARE up to 30% discount/FERA 18% discount).

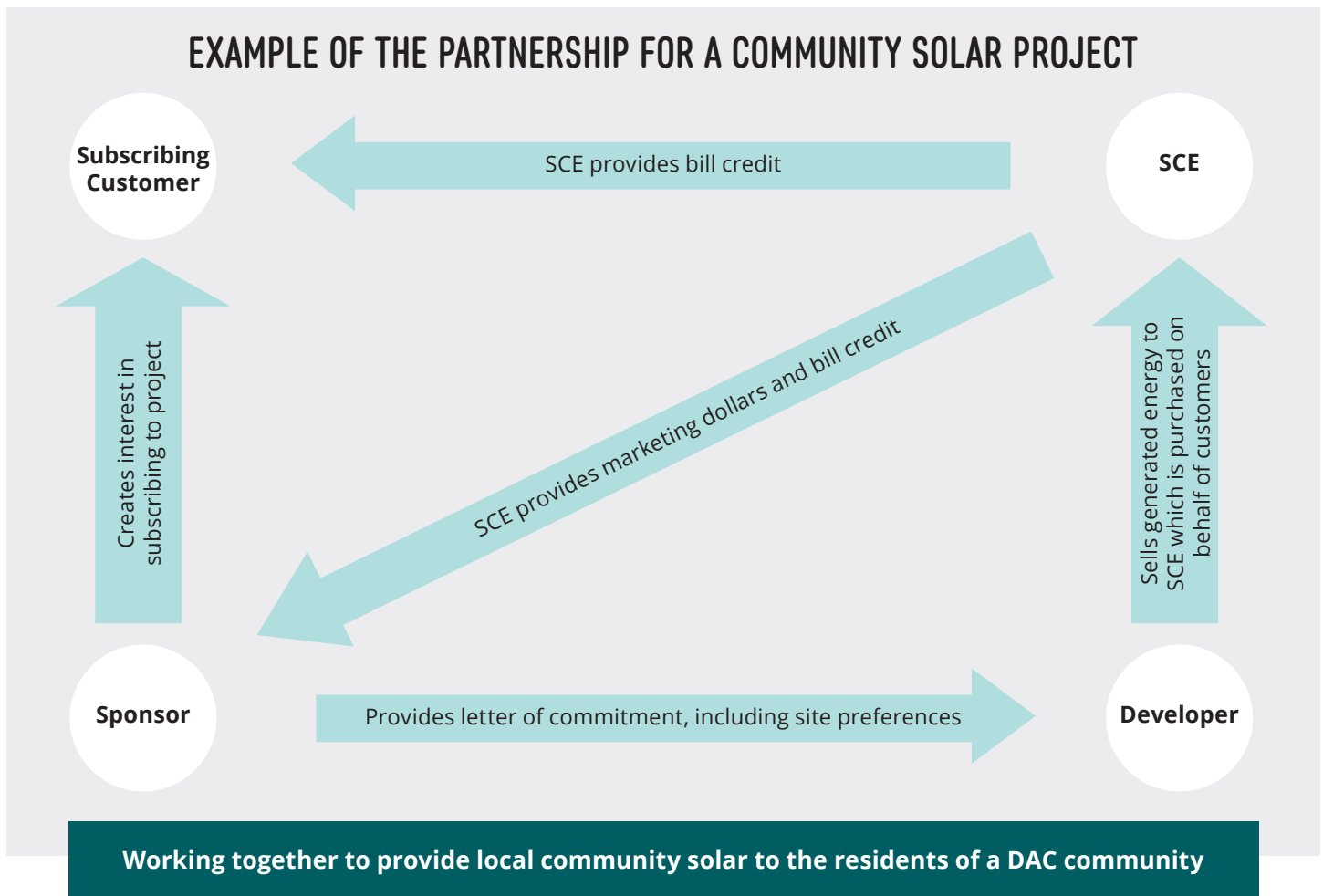
## SPONSOR BENEFITS

As a sponsor, you will benefit from the DAC Solar program by:

- Bringing affordable community solar to your residents

- Being a leader in the community for advancing the need for a clean energy future
- Having SCE contract with the project developer to make sure the delivery of clean energy is seamless for you and your residents
- Potential to receive Marketing, Education & Outreach (ME&O) funds to educate and recruit participants from your community
- Local clean energy jobs, clean energy education for youth, and community identity and sustainability
- Receiving a Community Solar Green Tariff (CSGT) 20% discount\* on your SCE energy bill for up to 20 years by meeting the following requirements:
  - Your service account must be geographically based within a DAC census tract within a five-mile radius of the project. For projects located within the San Joaquin Valley pilot program community, the service account must be within a DAC census track that is within 40 miles of a project
  - You must have a minimum of 50% of the project's capacity subscribed by income-qualified customers

\* Please see SCE's Community Solar Green Tariff for more details.  
Note: If there are multiple sponsors, if eligible, the 20% bill credit can be shared for up to 25% of the project's output (not to exceed the sponsor's energy needs).



## Becoming a Sponsor

To become a sponsor, you need to provide the following:

- A letter of commitment to the developer(s) before the developer will be able to bid the project. The letter should include:
  - Demonstration of substantial interest of community members in subscribing to the project, such as names/signatures taken at a community event of residents interested in having an affordable source for clean energy;
  - Estimated number of subscribers, with justification to ensure project is sized to likely demand;
  - A preliminary plan to conduct outreach and recruit subscribers (which may be conducted in conjunction with the developer and/or SCE); and

- Siting preferences, including community-suggested host sites, and verification that the site chosen for the bid is consistent with community preference. Typically, 4-5 acres are needed for a 1 MW ground mounted system.

As a Sponsor, you should anticipate that a community solar project could take a minimum of 18 months to become operational, and for the discount (bill credit) to be applied to electricity bills.

## TO LEARN MORE

Sponsors who would like additional information about how to participate in SCE's community solar solicitation can contact [DACPrograms@sce.com](mailto:DACPrograms@sce.com) or visit [sce.com/procurement/solicitations/dac](https://www.sce.com/procurement/solicitations/dac).