New Mexico Solar for All

Grant Application to the U.S. EPA

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)
Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD)

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New Mexico Solar for All Program Development

June 2023
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency launched $7 billion grant competition to increase access to affordable, resilient, and clean solar energy for millions of low-income households. EPA is seeking applications through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund created by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act.

July 2023
- EMNRD submitted a Notice of Intent letter to the EPA indicating New Mexico's intention to request Solar for All funds for a statewide New Mexico program

August/ Sept
- Ongoing development of New Mexico Solar for All Program in partnership with NM Public Regulation Commission and NM Indian Affairs Department

October 2023
- EMNRD will submit the Solar for All grant application requesting $250 million to operate a New Mexico Solar for All Program.

Background Information

- If we receive the funding from EPA, the NM Solar for All (SfA) Program will run from July 2024 through July 2029
- The first year of available funding will be dedicated to planning, with implementation – money and solar panels on the ground - by July 2025
- Funding can be used only for residential solar investment for low-income and disadvantaged communities

Program Purpose

- As per our application, the NM SfA Program will:
  - work to serve all eligible and interested households;
  - expand New Mexico's current Community Solar program to serve more low-income households in rural electric cooperative territories and on tribal lands;
  - deploy solar systems on eligible individual homes where community solar is not appropriate;
  - leverage other sources of funding (e.g. Home Energy Rebates) to maximize emissions reductions and energy savings for households; and
  - build workforce development opportunities in the solar industry.

Program Goals

Expand access to solar energy for low-income and disadvantaged communities while reducing electricity emissions

Reduce household energy bills for served households by at least 20%

Grow the clean energy workforce and industry in NM

Questions?

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