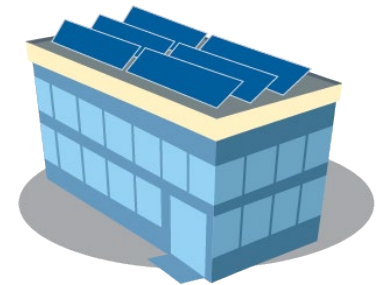
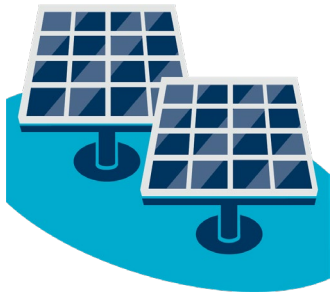




Minnesota Statewide Solar on Public Buildings Program



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Solar on Public Buildings Program

- Established by the legislature in 2023 ([Minn. Stat. § 216C.377](#))
- Grants to stimulate the installation of solar energy systems on or adjacent to public buildings
- 3 previous funding rounds: 30+ projects



Photo: SPB project with City of Minnetonka

🎉 🌞 ⚡ **Now Available Statewide!** ⚡ 🌞 🎉

⚡ Request for Proposals **Now Open!**

⚡ Any utility service territory!

💰 \$14.5 million available for grants!

💰 Direct Pay Tax Credit for costs not covered by SPB Grant



Photo: SPB project with Nine Mile Creek Watershed District



Statewide Solar on Public Buildings: Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Tribal Nations, Cities, Counties, Townships, Other Local Governments

Eligible Buildings:

- Owned and operated by Local Government; or
- Owned by federally recognized Indian Tribe in Minnesota whose primary purpose is Tribal government operations

Solar Energy Generating System:

- On or adjacent to the building (roof-mounted or ground-mounted)
- Maximum system size: 40 kW AC or 120% average electricity use of the building



Program Details & Requirements

Maximum Grant Amount: 70% of the system cost, not to exceed \$112,000

Low Income Community: Broadly defined

Non-Low Income Communities: Funding still available for Xcel territory

Direct Pay: File for the 48E Clean Electricity Investment Tax Credit via Direct Pay to cover remaining 30% of system cost

- Plan to begin construction by **Dec 31, 2025**





Application Information

- Applications received & reviewed continuously: Start your Application Today!
 - RFP closes November 14, 2025
- No limit on number of buildings!
 - One building per application
- Technical information:
 - Capacity of the proposed system (maximum 40kW AC)
 - Current energy demand of the public building
 - Estimate of the energy savings from proposed system
 - Cost of the system, installation, and disposal
 - Written statement from utility on likely success of interconnection
 - Proposed contract between Applicant and Solar Developer

Easier!

**New
and
Improved!**

Faster!



Direct Pay Tax Credit

- Recipients of SPB grants are required to file for the 48E Clean Electricity Investment Direct Pay Tax Credit (“Direct Pay”).
- Direct Pay is the process by which tax-exempt and government entities can receive a payment equal to the full value of the tax credit for qualifying energy projects without paying taxes.
- Direct Pay can cover 30-70% of a solar project’s cost
 - (SPB Grant + Tax Credit cannot exceed 100% of project cost)
- Free Technical Assistance is available from Deloitte



To Do List: Get Started Today!



Request for Proposals

Download and Read



Contact CERTs

Set up a Free Consultation



Developer Procurement

CERTs can help!



Contact Utility

Discuss connection to grid



Direct Pay

Free TA from Deloitte



Technical Assistance & Questions

- FREE! Consultation with Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs):
 - 11 County Metro: Aaron Backs abacks@gpisd.net
 - Outside of Metro: Pete Lindstrom plindstr@umn.edu
- FREE! Technical Assistance for Direct Pay tax credits from Deloitte: StateofMNIRATaxComplianceSupport@deloitte.com
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