What's New in the 2026 Application

February 2026

The Request for Applications is now open for the third year of the Low- and Moderate-Income Community Solar Garden program. The following changes were made to relevant documents:

Updated Disclosure Form

1. New Consolidated Billing Language:

   Consolidated Billing
   As a subscriber, you may elect to pay your community solar subscription costs as part of your electric utility bill, rather than to pay your subscription costs as part of a separate bill from your Subscriber Organization.

   This combining of two bills into one is known as "consolidated billing." Participating in consolidated billing will not impact your solar bill credits, your subscription costs, or your net savings from the program. It is a free service offered for your convenience.

   Please select one:

   ☐ I elect consolidated billing and will pay my subscription costs as part of my electric utility bill
   ☐ I decline consolidated billing and will pay my subscription costs through a separate bill

2. Additional language for Subscription Size that allows for slight variation between the initial disclosure and subscription size confirmation from the utility:

   Please note that state statute limits your subscription size to 120% of your electricity usage. Please note that the subscription size listed here is an estimate based on the subscription size you are requesting and the electricity use data that you have provided. The actual subscription size may need to be adjusted after your Subscriber Organization confirms your maximum allowable subscription size with your utility. Your actual subscription size may vary from the provided estimate by the greater of
   5kW or 25%.

3. An option was added to Payment Details regarding payment method:

   ☐ As a line item on your electric utility bill (See the "Consolidated Billing" section on p. 4 of this document)

4. Minor formatting edits.

Updated Prioritization Scoring Rubric

One change was made to the Prioritization Scoring Rubric:

For *2.g. Project Capacity Attributable to Target Subscribers*, the following was added:

> Percentages will be rounded to the nearest full number (For example, a project that plans a 99.6% system allocation for target subscribers will be rounded to 100% and receive the full 4.5 points.)

This allows for a backup subscriber with a small capacity, while maintaining the intent of the points to benefit applicants prioritizing target subscribers.

Updated Subscription Plan Worksheet

The Subscription Plan Worksheet was updated with the new rates proposed by Xcel which, if approved, will go into effect April 2026.