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**Illinois Solar for All Expansion
Municipal Working Group
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USEPA GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND: SOLAR FOR ALL COMPETITION **WINNING APPLICATION DESIGNED FROM STAKEHOLDER INPUT**



\$156,000,000
federal funding



aligned
with CEJA and IL policy

INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION:

IFA, ICC, DCEO, IL EPA, IPA, IHDA, IDOT, DNR

STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

More than 150 different entities between Nov 2022 and Application

SOLAR FOR ALL EXPANSION PURPOSE

100% of Solar for All Expansion program funding must be used to enable low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy or benefit from zero-emission technologies, such as solar energy.

Purpose

Each program seeks to fill a gap identified by stakeholder engagement beginning with CEJA and continuing until Illinois made the proposal in late 2023.

Each program is intended to enable low income and disadvantaged communities to deploy or benefit from zero-emission technologies, such as solar energy.

The entire purpose of the US EPA Solar for All program is to improve equitable access to zero-emission technologies and the clean energy economy.

Equity should be woven throughout these program designs. If you don't see it, or see provisions that are inequitable, Please Say Something!

WORKING GROUPS

Illinois Climate Bank will convene working groups to assist in designing the Illinois Solar for All Expansion Programs.

Municipal Working Group - Scope

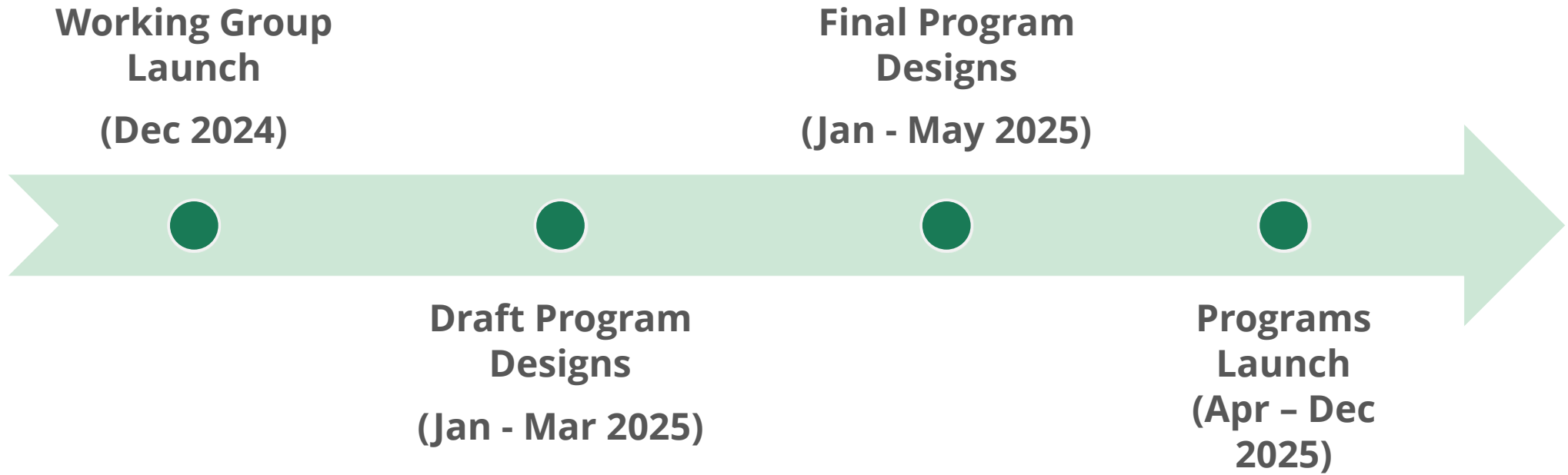
We Will Cover:

A grant program to assist municipalities in adopting and implementing the SolarApp+ solar permitting platform.

TIMELINE

Illinois Climate Bank will convene working groups to assist in designing the Illinois Solar for All Expansion Programs.

All SFA Expansion Programs will be launched by EOY 2025.





SUMMARY

The Illinois Climate Bank will offer grants to municipalities working to implement SolarAPP+. SolarAPP+ is a no-cost permitting software developed by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to streamline permitting processes for standardized residential solar systems. The software works as either a standalone service or can be integrated with existing permitting software (Accela, EnerGov, E-TRAKiT). SolarAPP+ automates rooftop solar plan reviews and produces instant compliance approvals. SolarAPP+ reduces permitting staff workload and streamlines approval.

OPEN QUESTIONS

- Municipal scope of work
- Demand for technical assistance
- Defining eligible communities at the municipal level
- Application and grant process

GRANT PROGRAM

up to \$20,000

grants for implementing SolarAPP+

key elements

- Grants must support the deployment of SolarAPP+.
- Grants can fund software implementation and personnel training, including staff time.
- Illinois Climate Bank will also engage a statewide entity to provide technical assistance, respond to information requests, and facilitate regional training.

SolarApp+ Implementing Grants:

- Any clarifying questions?
- What activities would a municipality typically undertake when adopting and implementing a product like SolarApp+?
- What technical assistance would be helpful for municipalities using SolarApp+?
- How might this program define eligible communities at the municipal level, where municipalities may not comply with federal LIDAC definitions uniformly across their entire population or geography?

NEXT STEPS

- Completing similar sessions with all 5 working groups.
- Draft program designs released for comment in early spring.

NEXT STEPS

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