

A Guide to Community Solar: Utility, Private, and Non-profit Project Development

A new publication that provides options, examples, and legal and financial considerations for community solar projects

Community solar is a way for multiple individuals to share in the benefits of a single solar installation. The term refers to the pooling of resources to develop a community-scale solar energy project that provides the benefits of solar energy to a group or neighborhood. Renters, condo owners, and homeowners with shading or other issues that prevent them from installing solar energy systems on their own properties are among those who can directly benefit from community solar.

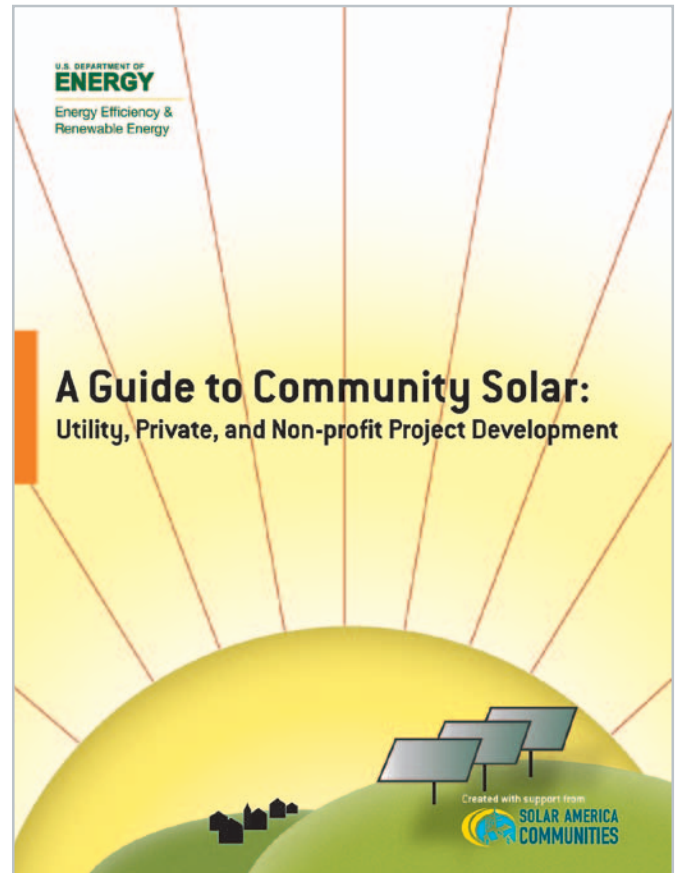
A Guide to Community Solar: Utility, Private, and Non-profit Project Development is a new publication that helps to evaluate the options available for community solar and navigate the way to a successful installation.

The guide explores the range of incentives and policies available to assist communities with planning and implementing successful local energy projects. Examples are provided of community solar projects in operation, and policy best practices are highlighted.

This informational resource was developed for:

- Project Sponsors – utilities, businesses, community organizations
- Project Participants – investors, utility customers
- Policy Makers

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