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Amount

The SASH program offers fully or highly subsidized solar systems to qualified low-income homeowners. The incentives subsidize 50 to 75% of a photovoltaic system. This subsidy is capped at a maximum of \$10,000 per qualifying household. The program provides incentives that range from \$4.75 to \$7 per watt.

The total CSI Program budget is \$2,167 million, with \$108.3 million for the SASH Program.

Dates

All installations must be completed by September 30, 2016, to receive the SASH Program incentive payment.

Eligibility

To qualify for a fully subsidized 1 kW system, homeowners must meet the legal definition of "low-income residential housing" in Public Utilities Code 2852. Eligibility is limited to owner-occupied households that received electric service from the investor-owned utilities (Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric) and whose household income is at or below 50% of the area median income. A household that qualifies for a free system can either install the free 1 kW system or take a partial subsidy for a larger system.

To qualify for a highly subsidized solar system, household income must be less than 80% of the area median income. The partial-subsidy is calculated on a sliding-scale that is based on the homeowner's tax liability and the customer's eligibility and participation in the CARE program.

Definitions

The residence must be California Public Utilities Code (P.U.) 2852-compliant, defined as:

- a single family residence that is part of a two or more-unit development project; and
- where 20% of the homes are sold to lower income households (as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5); and
- those units targeted for lower-income households are subject to a deed restriction or covenant with a public entity, ensuring that the units will be available at an affordable housing cost (as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5).

Limitations

Retrofit projects only, no new construction.

All systems must be installed by appropriately licensed California contractors. All systems must be installed in conformance with the manufacturers' specifications and with all applicable electrical and building codes and standards. Self-installations are not permitted in the SASH Program. To participate in

the SASH Program, eligible companies that install system equipment must apply to and be accepted by the SASH Program Manager as a SASH Program partner installer prior to performing any installations. Installers will not be allowed to perform installations prior to their acceptance as a sub-contract installer.

PV systems (*i.e.*, systems that cause direct conversion of sunlight to electricity) are the only technologies eligible to receive incentives from the SASH Program. Non-PV technologies, including solar hot water systems, are not eligible for the SASH Program incentive. The minimum system size is 1kW CEC-AC.

Applicants must enroll in LIEE, if eligible, and have all feasible LIEE measure installed prior to receiving a solar incentive. Applicants must include with their application an energy efficiency audit or notification from the LIEE Program Administrator that the LIEE measures have been implemented.

Equipment installed under the CSI Program is intended to be in place for the duration of its useful life. Only permanently installed systems are eligible for incentives.

Upon completion of the application process, the Applicant receives notification from the Program Manager confirming the incentive reservation and the maximum incentive amount. The Applicant is encouraged to have the installation completed within 18 months of the reservation date. If the installation is not completed within eighteen months of the reservation, the applicant may submit a written request to extend their current application by another 12 months. Incentive funds are not reserved until the SASH Program Manager receives all information and documentation required for the Reservation and the project is approved.

Transferability

Ownership of the generation system remains with the homeowner even with the assignment of the incentive payment to a third-party. The SASH Program currently excludes all third-party ownership arrangements. It is the intent of the program requirement that all future benefits from the generation equipment remain with the homeowner.

Refundability

N/A

Applications

Individual Use

References/Ancillary Matters

California Public Utilities Commission, SASH Program Information,
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Solar/sash.htm>.

Program Overview, <http://www.gridalternatives.org/sash>.

SASH Program Guidelines, CSI Handbook, Appendix D,
http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/documents/CSI_HANDBOOK.PDF.