Financing Resilient Power in Under-Resourced Communities

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Bringing Low and Moderate Income Households (LMI) Solar Financing Models to Scale

- Accelerate scaled-up adaptation of effective programs to increase PV and solar+storage for LMI households
THE RESILIENT POWER PROJECT

• Increase public/private investment in clean, resilient power systems (solar+battery storage)
• Protect low-income and vulnerable communities, with a focus on affordable housing and critical public facilities
• Engage city, state and federal policy makers to develop supportive policies and programs
• Visit www.resilient-power.org for more information and resources
SUPPORTING 150+ PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- Boulder: Nonprofit transportation center serving elderly and disabled residents
- Puerto Rico: Supporting the installation of solar+storage at multiple community medical clinics
- Boston: Multiple housing properties representing 1,000+ units of senior and affordable housing
- New Mexico: Added resilience for remote wildfire operations command center
- DC: First solar+storage resilience center at affordable housing in DC
- Puerto Rico: Supporting the installation of solar+storage at multiple community medical clinics
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**Webinar Panelists**

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Kresge’s *Financing Resilient Power Initiative*

• $3.3 million comprehensive financing strategy
  • $3 million innovative *payment guarantee* to help keep loans current
  • *Capacity-building grant* to accelerate lender’s ability to finance solar+storage projects, build project pipelines
  • *Technical-assistance grants* to enable eligible project owners and developers to assess the technical and financial feasibility of new solar+storage projects

• Multifamily affordable & supportive housing, commercial & mixed-use projects, community facilities

• Can be used for construction, bridge, permanent financing

• Direct ownership, 3rd-party ownership, special purpose entities, for-profit & nonprofit ownership, co-operative/community ownership

• 14-year term (10-year loan term, 4-year origination period)

• Designated lender: NYCEEC; initiative managed by Clean Energy Group
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Kresge’s Comprehensive Financing Initiative for Solar+Storage Projects

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• What is The Kresge Foundation?
• Why Resilient Power?
• What is the Financing Resilient Power Initiative?
• National private foundation
• Goal: Expanding opportunities in America’s cities
• Invests more than $160 million annually to foster economic and social change
• Seven program areas and a Social Investment Practice
OUR PROGRAMS & PRACTICES

AMERICAN CITIES PROGRAM

ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM

DETROIT PROGRAM

EDUCATION PROGRAM

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

HEALTH PROGRAM

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

SOCIAL INVESTMENT PRACTICE
ENVIRONMENT

We help cities implement comprehensive climate-resilient approaches grounded in equity.
SOCIAL INVESTMENT PRACTICE

We work to expand opportunity, strengthen neighborhoods and improve quality of life in America’s cities by providing access to capital.
Why Resilient Power?

Kresge Rationale

1) Protecting the health and safety of people in historically underserved communities

2) Advancing climate change mitigation and adaptation

3) Working at the intersection of Kresge’s Environment Program and Social Investment Practice

4) Fixing market failures
Kresge’s Financing Resilient Power Commitment

Components

1) Loan Guarantee: $3,000,000

2) Capacity-Building Grant: $170,000

3) Technical-Assistance Grants: $120,000

Partners

1) CleanEnergyGroup

2) NYCEEC

3) You?
Questions?

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A Foundation’s Comprehensive Financing Initiative for Solar+Storage Projects

JANUARY 28, 2020
Who we are

- NYCEEC is a 501(c)3 mission-driven green lender, launched in 2010 by the NYC Mayor’s Office of Sustainability

- We lend to green building projects that reduce energy consumption or produce clean energy – saving money, improving the environment and building sustainable communities

- We prioritize projects serving low- and moderate- income communities to the greatest extent possible

- Our mission: to deliver financing solutions and advance markets for energy efficiency and clean energy in buildings

- Our vision: energy efficiency and clean energy financing for buildings to achieve scale and be accessible to all
Our impact

JANUARY 2020

- **$168 million** of capital mobilized
- **11.3 million** square feet impacted
- **12 lending partnerships**
- **226 buildings upgraded**
- **762,000 MTons of CO₂ eliminated**
- **21.5 million MMBtus of energy saved**
- **6,973 affordable housing units**
- **1,829 jobs created**
Eligible technologies

- ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- SOLAR + STORAGE
- CHP
- HIGH PERFORMANCE RETROFITS
- DEMAND RESPONSE
- CLEAN FUEL CONVERSIONS
Although our home market is NYC, we provide loans across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions: CT, DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, PA, RI and Washington, DC.
NYCEEC products

- We finance most building types: multifamily, commercial, industrial, institutional, and not-for-profit

- Our loan products include equipment loans, ESA- or PPA-backed loans, PACE loans, predevelopment loans, and credit enhancement

- Our loan sizes typically range from $250,000 to $2.5 million, but we have participated in larger loans through partnering with other lenders

- To provide maximum flexibility, we provide construction financing, bridge to available incentives, and offer multiple draws on our loans
AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY 100 BUILDINGS

ENERGY STORAGE

$1.2M TOTAL PROJECT COST

$1.2M NYCEEC ESA LOAN

15% REDUCTION IN PEAK DEMAND

MARCUS GARVEY BROOKLYN

ENERGY STORAGE
BY THE NUMBERS

$1.2M  $1.2M  207kW  15%
TOTAL PROJECT COST  NYCEEC ESA LOAN  AVG REDUCTION IN PEAK DEMAND  REDUCTION IN PEAK DEMAND

THE CLIENT

CHALLENGE

Demand Energy, was looking to expand into new markets. They opened conversations with L+M Development, a developer/owner of low-income housing, regarding a 300kW lithium ion battery system Marcus Garvey Apartments. Financing, however, appeared to be a major obstacle.

THE SOLUTION

Using advanced modeling, NYCEEC devised a financing approach that would allow a new business entity to own and operate the energy storage system profitably, while deriving additional cash flows from demand response.

Because the energy storage system is part of a long-term energy services contract with Demand Energy, L+M did not have to pay any upfront investment.

THE RESULTS

Marcus Garvey is the first affordable housing microgrid. Projections indicate that battery storage will lower operating costs at Marcus Garvey, along with aiding Con Edison in meeting peak energy demand (within the grid-constrained Brooklyn Queens Demand Management area) and providing emergency back-up power.
NYCEEC is evaluating opportunities in several areas:

- Affordable housing: S+S provides value for larger projects with lower solar costs ($ per W) and valuable incentives

- Not-for-profit buildings: S+S offers resilience in critical care facilities, community meeting centers and other infrastructure

- Manufacturing facilities benefitting LMI communities: S+S bolsters the brand of businesses, promotes resilience, and captures the economics of larger distributed solar installations

- Market-rate housing in NYC LMI census tracts: S+S provides a cost-effective means of compliance under NYC Local Law 97 for buildings (25,000 sf+) otherwise subject to future penalties
The Resilient Power Program is unlocking loan capital for solar plus storage projects in underserved communities. NYCEEC is prioritizing resources to accelerating the S+S market.

Between generous state and utility incentives and NYCEEC’s low fees, expedited approvals and streamlined lending - solar plus storage projects look more attractive than ever.

Unlike conventional lenders, NYCEEC has the technical expertise to understand your project. We are experts on the incentives and cash flow structures available for solar plus storage, and we provide tailored financing solutions to optimize project success while minimizing costs.
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TOOLS
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

• Assist building managers and project developers in understanding costs and benefits of pursuing solar+storage

• Engage engineering expertise to assess the technical and economic feasibility of solar+storage for a facility

• Provide continued support throughout the predevelopment phase of a project
MCKNIGHT LANE

SOLAR: 6 kW
STORAGE: 6 kWh
PROJECT COST: $132,000
(Storage only)
RESILIENCE: Lighting, heating and cooling, ventilation, refrigeration
BOULDER HOUSING PARTNERS

SOLAR: 20.7 kW
STORAGE: 45 kWh
PROJECT COST: $143,500
RESILIENCE: Servers, outlets, heating, phones, wi-fi, EV charging
MAYCROFT APARTMENTS

SOLAR: 62.4 kW
STORAGE: 56 kWh
PROJECT COST: $327,000
RESILIENCE: Lighting, exhaust and floor fans, device charging, refrigerator, TV, microwave
### DEVELOPING A RESILIENT POWER PROJECT

There are a number of questions and considerations that should be explored when beginning to develop a new resilient power project. The resources below can help guide you through the process of planning a resilient power installation, including basic step-by-step guidance for approaching a new project and sample Request for Proposal (RFP) templates for both large-scale and behind-the-meter resilient power installations.

**Solar+Storage Project Checklist** (Clean Energy Group, 2016)

This checklist is intended to serve as a starting point for developers and planners who are considering implementing a solar+storage project. It focuses on basic questions and considerations that should be explored throughout the decision-making process and suggests some initial steps to consider when beginning a new project.

**Behind-the-Meter Solar+Storage Permitting and Interconnection Guide for Boulder, Colorado** (Clean Energy Group, 2018)

This guide reviews permitting and interconnection requirements and processes for the development of residential and commercial-scale solar+storage systems in Boulder, Colorado. While these guidelines are specific to Boulder, the process and steps may be similar to those in other locations. The document may be helpful to project developers beginning to think about the permitting and interconnection processes or for municipalities considering generating guidelines of their own.

**Energy Storage Procurement Guidance Documents for Municipalities** (Sandia National Laboratories, Clean Energy States Alliance, Clean Energy Group, 2016)

This guide offers useful information for municipalities to consider as they develop solicitations for resilient energy storage projects. The materials are designed to give specific examples of the elements that should be included in a solicitation for the procurement and

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REopt LITE OPTIMIZATION TOOL

Step 1: Choose Your Focus
Do you want to optimize for financial savings or energy resilience?

$ Financial   Resilience

Step 2: Enter Your Site Data
Enter information about your site and adjust the default values as needed to see your results.

Site and Utility  (required)
Load Profile  (required)
Financial

Step 3: Select Your Technologies
Which technologies do you wish to evaluate?

PV  Battery
Wind

Available online at https://reopt.nrel.gov/tool
QUESTIONS?

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Thursday, February 6, 2-3pm ET

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