

Solar*Rewards Community- Guidelines for Low Income Subscribers

Xcel Energy's Solar*Rewards Community program requires each participating solar garden to have a minimum of 5% of the garden kW allocated to low income subscribers. This requirement must be met prior to the production meter installation and project completion.

For the purposes of the program, any subscriber that is a member of one of the following groups qualifies as a low income subscriber:

- Energy Outreach Colorado
- The Atmosphere Conservancy
- Colorado LEAP Program
- Municipal Housing Authority (ex: Denver Housing Authority)

All low income subscribers must have a completed Low Income Verification Form, signed by a representative of one of the above organizations.

Qualifying New Organizations:

From time to time, additional organizations will come up that would or could participate in the program. They will need to be treated on a case by case basis. As with the organizations listed, a quick discussion with Pat Boland, the Company's low income organization subject matter expert, will help in determining whether the organization should be added to the list. The criteria we used:

- Does the organization work help pay energy bills or house low income constituents?
- Is the organization a reputable, widely known organization with a strong history of aiding low income constituents?
- Does the low income constituent served at a least have an Area median income (AMI) of 60% or less of the Colorado median income?

If the answer to all three is yes, then their constituents should be allowed to participate in the program.

The third item in the list is up for interpretation and it is more of a guideline based on past decisions than a hard and fast criteria. The logic for including this criteria is that DHA and HUD use AMI to determine participation in their program. DHA has housing for constituents that are 60-40% AMI or less. We agreed to allow the housing authorities into the program so it seems fair to allow others that meet this requirement and the others listed.

AMI is the area median income level in the state. The AMI in Colorado is:

Number of Persons in Household	CO Median income	DHA (up to 60% AMI)
1	\$55,600	\$33,360
2	\$63,500	\$38,100
3	\$71,400	\$42,840
4	\$79,300	\$47,580
5	\$85,700	\$51,420
6	\$92,000	\$55,200
7	\$98,400	\$59,040
8	\$104,700	\$62,820