



Low-Income Solar Pilot

Thank you for your interest in DTE Energy's Low-Income Solar Pilot!

What is the Low-Income Solar Pilot?

As a result of conversations with community stakeholder groups, DTE has embarked on an ambitious pilot to bring community solar projects to three underserved communities in our service territory: Detroit, Highland Park and River Rouge. The goal of the pilot is to help low-income customers and communities participate in the benefits of renewable energy. Selected low-income residents for each of the projects will be subscribed to 100% renewable energy for their place of living and will also receive an associated bill credit, which will lower their monthly bill. To further enable bill savings, two of the projects will include energy efficiency initiatives for selected participants.

Who will oversee the pilot?

A Low-Income Solar Council will be established and will include one representative from DTE, a non-profit organization, a subject matter expert (SME), the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) staff and one pilot program participant from each community. The council will be responsible for interfacing with the three pilot cities, raising the funds for the projects, soliciting proposed project locations and formats, setting criteria, and reviewing and ranking projects. DTE will partner with the Low-Income Solar Council to identify funds and will approve, develop and operate the projects recommended by the council.

How is this project being funded?

DTE will provide 30% of the funding for the pilot, up to \$300,000 for each solar project. These funds will be allocated to engineering, procurement and construction. The remaining funding will come from third party contributions.

Where will my contributions be allocated?

Third party contributions will go towards development and operation of the three solar arrays, which in turn will enable selected participants to be subscribed to 100% renewable energy for their place of living. Contributions will also fund compensation of the three community representatives on the Low-Income Solar Council. The total amount of third party contributions will directly impact the size of the solar arrays and the number of individuals selected to participate in the pilot.

When will the selected participants start seeing benefits?

The three solar arrays are expected to be operational in 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively. Once the projects are operational, selected low-income customers will receive bill credits of around \$25-30 each month.

How will low-income customers be selected, and how many can participate?

DTE and the Low-Income Solar Council will work together to determine the methodology for selecting individuals to participate in the pilot, as well as how many low-income customers are able to receive benefits. The number of individuals that can participate from each community is dependent on the size of the community solar array.

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