

MIGreenPower Community Impact

Thank you for your interest in DTE Energy's MIGreenPower Community Impact Pilot!

What is the MIGreenPower Community Impact 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 income-qualified customers and communities participate in the benefits of renewable energy. Income-qualified is defined as persons who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and must be a resident living in the pilot community. Selected income-qualified 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?

Driving the pilot is the Low-Income Solar Council (Solar Council), which includes one representative from DTE; Vote Solar, a non-profit organization; Guidehouse, a subject matter expert (SME); a staff member from the MPSC; and one income-qualified representative (community representative) from each of the three communities. The Solar Council will oversee the success of the pilot and will be responsible for identifying, reviewing and recommending potential projects as well as other pilot specifics including community outreach, fundraising and project prioritization. DTE will partner with the 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 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?

Once the projects are operational, selected income-qualified customers will receive bill credits of around \$25-30 each month. Operational timelines will vary based on funding and site selection.

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

DTE and the Solar Council will work together to determine the methodology for selecting individuals to participate in the pilot, as well as how many income-qualified 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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