New Solar Programs for Disadvantaged Communities

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Solar Program Summary

• EBCE may have the opportunity to get funding from the CPUC for two new solar programs for low-income customers.

• Both programs allow a limited number of low-income customers living in disadvantaged communities to receive 100% solar energy at a 20% discount on their electric bills.

• Key differences between the two programs: 'Program A' projects allow more customers to enroll and can be located anywhere; 'Program B' projects are more limited in size, must have a community sponsor, and be located within five miles of the community served by the project.
Next Steps

• The Program is still in its early stages; details are still being finalized at the CPUC.
• EBCE staff are analyzing the number of eligible customers and potential program size for EBCE.
• EBCE staff will come back to the CAC with updates.
Questions for the CAC

• Opportunities and challenges: What opportunities and challenges for developing these programs would you like EBCE staff to keep in mind during this process?

• ‘Program B’ Sponsorship: Are CAC members aware of any non-profit community-based organizations that may be interested in sponsoring a project?

• Are there particular project locations the CAC recommends staff evaluate?