



Financing Resilient Power in Under-Resourced Communities January 28, 2020

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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 <u>www.resilient-power.org</u> for more information and resources



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Resilient Power Project
HOME HEALTH CARE IN THE DARK
Why Climate, Wildfires and Other Emerging Risks Call
for Resilient Energy Storage Solutions to Protect Medically
Vulnerable Households from Power Outages



Clean Energy Group Introduction in Flance, Technology & Policy

SUPPORTING 150+ PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



Financing Resilient Power in Under-Resourced Communities 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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Financing Resilient Power in Under-Resourced Communities

Kresge's Comprehensive Financing Initiative for Solar+Storage Projects

January 28, 2020



- 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





SOCIAL INVESTMENT PRACTICE

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

HEALTH PROGRAM



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

- 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

Partners



2) Capacity-Building Grant: \$170,000

3) Technical-Assistance Grants: \$120,000



3) You?

2)

Questions?

THE **KRESGE** FOUNDATION

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NYCEEC building financial solutions

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

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- 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



Eligible technologies













Geographic eligibility



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



- We finance most building types: multifamily, commercial, industrial, institutional, and not-for-profit
- Our loan products include equipment loans, ESA- or PPAbacked 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



ESA loan for energy storage at affordable housing complex, Marcus Garvey Apartments

	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	207kW	15%
BY THE NUMBERS	TOTAL	NYCEEC	AVG REDUCTION	REDUCTION IN
	PROJECT COST	ESA LOAN	IN PEAK DEMAND	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 lowincome 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.

Solar-plus-storage pipeline

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 for solar+storage



- 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



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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

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SOLAR: 6 kW STORAGE: 6 kWh PROJECT COST: \$132,000 (storage only)

(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



RESILIENT POWER TOOLKIT

> Technology	DEVELOPING A RESILIENT POWER PROJECT				
> Economics	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				
> Finance	guidance for approaching a new project and sample Request for Proposal (RFP) templates for both large-scale and behind-the-meter resilient power installations.				
> Project Evaluation Tools					
> Project Development	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				
> Policy	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.				
> Additional Resources					
> Spanish Language Resources	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				

Available online at https://www.cleanegroup.org/ceg-projects/resilient-power-project/toolkit/

REOPT LITE OPTIMIZATION TOOL

Step 1: Choose Your Focus

Do you want to optimize for financial savings or energy resilience?

\$ Financial





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)	÷
	e
\$ Financial	÷

Step 3: Select Your Technologies

Which technologies do you wish to evaluate?



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

QUESTIONS?

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

Solar with Justice: Recommendations for State Governments Wednesday, January 29, 1-2pm ET

State of the U.S. Energy Storage Industry: 2019 Year in Review Thursday, February 6, 2-3pm ET

Soleil Lofts: The Largest Solar+Storage Virtual Power Plant in the Country Wednesday, February 12, 1-2pm ET

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