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CLEAN COMMUNITIES

Clean Energy Communities Program in NYC

The Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program was launched in 2016 through NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority). The program was created to incentivize municipalities across the State of New York to implement clean energy initiatives and projects that will advance the state’s goals of decarbonization. Each municipality has designated coordinators to support them in completing high impact actions and unlocking grants.



About Us:

Solar One is NYSERDA’s implementation partner for CEC in New York City and Long Island. In New York City, Solar One seeks to engage with community-based organizations to deploy campaigns focused on decarbonization resources. Furthermore, Solar One has embedded staff at the NYC Mayor’s Office of Climate and Environmental Justice (MOCEJ) and the Department of Buildings (DOB) to support emissions reduction initiatives. These full-time coordinators work on high impact efforts, including:

- Expanded benchmarking and energy efficiency solutions for private buildings;
- Developing and launching equitable electrification policies and programs;
- Working with NYC’s public agencies to implement plans for public sector emissions reduction.



Program Offerings:

As the implementation partner for CEC in New York City, we provide:

- Expertise in launching clean energy projects and campaigns
- Grant opportunities to support clean energy projects or campaigns
- Engagement with community based organizations and city agencies to reach decarbonization goals

Project Highlights:

- In January 2023, Solar One launched the Re-Grant Program to support low-income building owners located in the South Bronx, Upper Manhattan, and Central Brooklyn. The program is in partnership with the NYC Accelerator Program to promote their program offerings and technical assistance to building owners seeking help to implement clean energy upgrades. The city was able to unlock \$160,000 in grants from CECP to support five building energy projects and two CBOs to market the Accelerator program.
- In December 2021, \$150,000 in grant funding was secured from CECP. Solar One supported MOCEJ in applying to use the funding for energy upgrades at St. George Library Center in Staten Island, N.Y. The proposed initiative included installing a building management system (BMS), installing thermostatic controls on existing fan coil baseboard units, retrofitting air handling unit supply fans with variable speed drives, and retrofitting chilled/hot water pumps with variable speed drives.
- Our event series, Clean Energy Connections, features a panel discussion on emerging trends in the state of the industry and aims to engage a variety of stakeholders across the clean energy transition space. This in-person event hopes to spark dialogue and increase outreach on the efforts being made to decarbonize New York City.