GRANT GUIDELINES

Eligibility
- Silicon Valley Power residential customer.
- Customer must be a homeowner currently enrolled in the Financial Rate Assistance Program (FRAP).
- Customer must have received approval for FRAP in multiple years.
- Customer must own the photovoltaic system, leases or power purchase agreements are not eligible under this grant.
- Customer intends to operate the photovoltaic system at the listed service address for its useful life.
- Silicon Valley Power will conduct a solar assessment to determine Customer eligibility.

Payment
- Grant amounts are $3.50 per watt up to 3.0 kilowatts DC.
- Grant checks will be sent to the seller or installer as indicated by the Grant Application.
- Grant checks will typically be mailed within 4 to 6 weeks after project completion and documentation submission.

Grant Requirements
- Approval is at the sole discretion of Silicon Valley Power; pre-approval is required.
- Prior to signing an agreement with a solar provider, Customer must have had a solar consultation with Silicon Valley Power within 30 days of their pre-approval date.
- A shading analysis and energy generation report is required for customers with shading issues. This report will be verified during the solar consultation.
- The system must produce at least 3,800 kWh annually.
- The system may be larger than 3.0 kilowatts DC.
- All PV modules and inverters must be on the California Energy Commission (CEC) list of eligible equipment. Please see the CEC list of approved PV modules at the Go Solar California’s website (https://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/equipment/index.php).
- If the system is installed with a pitch greater than 2:12 or 10 degrees, the arrays must be oriented between 90 to 300 degrees from true north.
- The system must come with a minimum ten-year warranty against breakdown or degradation beyond 15 percent of the original system rated electrical output during the warranty period.
- The system must be installed by a licensed contractor.
- The system must be installed in accordance with all applicable building and national electrical codes.
- The system must be connected to the grid and you will be switched to a Net Energy Metering rate.
- Customer must execute an Interconnection and Net Energy Metering Agreement with the City.
- Customer must agree to future inspections of the equipment to verify PV system performance.
- Customer will no longer be eligible to receive the monthly discount provided by FRAP.
- Excess credits, if any, remaining after the customer nets (zeroes) their bill will go to other Silicon Valley Power low income programs.

LOW INCOME SOLAR GRANT PROGRAM STEPS

1. Apply for pre-approval to reserve your grant.
2. Once you receive pre-approval from Silicon Valley Power, contact multiple solar companies. Silicon Valley Power recommends contacting and receiving proposals from at least three (3) different companies.
3. Call 408-615-6640 to schedule a solar consultation. The purpose of this consultation is to discuss energy efficiency, the solar interconnection process, and address any questions that you may have. Silicon Valley Power can also provide assistance in reviewing bids from contractors to ensure the system meets the program requirements. Note that this solar consultation must be conducted within 30 days from date of pre-approval and prior to signing a contract with a solar company.
4. Select a solar company, submit required documents, and install the system.
5. Once your PV system is installed, finalize permits, execute your Interconnection Agreement, and energize your system.