

MI Solar Access FAQ

1. Question about the 50% match required. What are the forms that the match can take? Leveraged energy dollars, credits, staffing, other? You mention cash, in-kind...MI Saves financing.

There are no limitations on the form of match, keep in mind that projects need to incorporate weatherization services for the households subscribing to solar. Please reference the CELICA pilots or MI Solarize projects for examples of match.

2. On Fringe Benefits. If we have a Federally approved fringe benefit rate, should we include that and back out the fringes you do not allow like payroll taxes or sick days?

Include the fringe benefit rate and attached proof of this approved rate. Include all the fringes and make note of it.

3. Can you please tell me if private/public schools would be eligible for these grant funds?

The MI Solar Access program is for single family households for the community solar portion. The only option I can think of regarding participation is if the schools apply with a Solarize group to do a group buy with the surrounding businesses.

4. How do you define a small-medium business?

We will be utilizing business size standard shown by the US SBA [Table of size standards | U.S. Small Business Administration \(sba.gov\)](#)

5. Is this program exclusive for projects up to 60kW DC?

No

6. Is the program already receiving applications? –“grant period start April 1st 2024 and will end on August 31st 2025”. How long does the selection process take after the application has been processed? Just to confirm, grants follow a First come first serve approach until March 31st, right?

The program is competitive so applicants still have to qualify and be approved in order to receive funding.

7. Is the average grant amount, -around \$80k-\$100k-, per organization or per project?

Yes, funding amount is per applicant (ideally these would be collaborative projects)

8. Are these grants complimentary to the IRA incentives (ITC and PTC)?

Yes, it can be.

9. Would Consumers Energy be eligible to apply?

Consumers Energy would not be currently eligible for this program. The MI Solar Access is a pilot program in which we wanted to limit eligibility and incorporate lessons learned into future iterations. You may be interested in the Renewables Ready Communities program in which you might be able to participate as a developer so long as the applicant reaches out to you. [Renewables Ready Communities Award \(michigan.gov\)](#) There's also an upcoming program called the Solar for All Program ([Solar for All Program Overview \(michigan.gov\)](#)) that you might find interesting.