

Community Solar Partnership



Who we are

The Energy Equity Committee of Yellowstone Bend Citizens Council is a group in Livingston focused on advancing Community Solar Projects. We partner with local non-profits and municipalities to initiate and fundraise for rooftop solar systems, and then gift the systems to the partner organizations free of charge. This puts money back in the pockets of the organization, which allows them to better serve the community, and decreases the environmental impact of our town.

What we do

The YBCC team helps partner organizations in a number of ways, and can be as involved in the process of going solar as is helpful. Our offerings include:

- Help initiating projects by securing quotes and engineering reports from trusted professionals
 - Fundraising support through assistance grant writing, crowdsourcing funds, etc.
 - Insight into the various loans, rebates, tax incentives, and financing options available
 - Access to funding through the American Rescue Plan that we can apply to Community Solar
 - Marketing of projects through installation parties and community awareness of green business
 - Long-term tracking of projects through our Solar Map so your community impact is seen by all
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What we do not do

As volunteers, we operate as passionate individuals, not specialists. Therefore we do not:

- Sign any contracts relating to the project, solar projects are ultimately owned by the partner org
 - Approve or certify any contracts, permits, or installations required for the project
 - Carry insurance or take on any liability related to the project.
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Successful Projects

Our group has been successfully providing solar installs to community organizations since 2016, and has installed 300 kW of solar, saving partner organizations money on their monthly utility bills. Notable projects include Winans Elementary School, Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, Livingston's Water Reclamation Facility, and the Park County Public Library.

Contact Information

Thank you for thinking about partnering with us in a Community Solar project for your organization. We value the service you provide to our town and look forward to working with you. If you have questions, feel free to contact us at jack@northernplains.org or 406-869-1917.