# What are the **benefits** of community solar?

### It's accessible.

Community solar is a great option for renters and other customers who want to use clean energy but may not have a sunny roof of their own or the means to invest in a rooftop system.



#### It's local.

Projects are located in your community or utility territory.



## It's good for the earth.

When you power your home with clean, renewable energy from the sun, you help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air and water pollution.





## Interested in participating?

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Participation in the Oregon Community Solar Program allows customers to offset their energy usage with electricity generated from a certified community solar project. The Oregon Community Solar Program is a state-enabled initiative overseen by the Oregon Public Utility Commission.



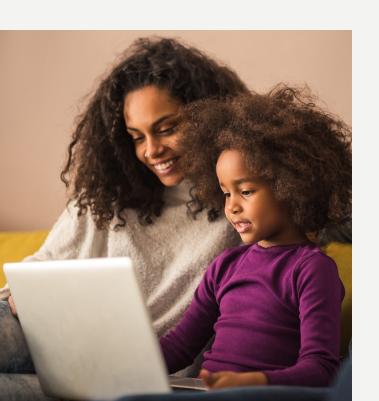


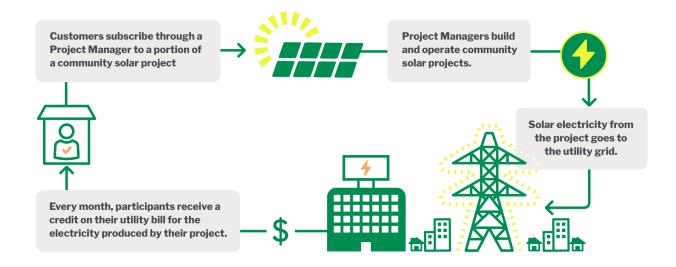
#### What is the Oregon Community Solar Program?

The Oregon Community Solar Program gives Oregon customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power and Idaho Power a new way to go solar. The program expands access to solar energy for people who are not able to or are not interested in investing in a rooftop system, including renters, people who live in multifamily buildings, lowincome customers and small businesses in rented or leased space.

#### How does community solar work?

Community solar energy refers to shared solar energy generated by panels in a central location. You can subscribe to a portion of a community solar project and receive a credit on your monthly utility bill for the electricity generated from your portion. Community solar projects are large solar systems and can be located on buildings—like businesses, government buildings, schools or churches—or they can be free-standing in an undeveloped area.





#### Who can participate?

Most Oregon customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power and Idaho Power are eligible to participate in the Oregon Community Solar Program. You can participate if you are a resident, a business, nonprofit or government entity. It doesn't matter whether you own or rent your home or building, and it doesn't matter what kind of home you live in. As long as you have a utility account with PGE, Pacific Power or Idaho Power, you can subscribe to a community solar project.

### When and how can I sign up?

To subscribe to a community solar project, sign up with the project manager. Project managers build or operate projects; they can be solar developers, municipalities, public agencies, homeowners' associations, community organizations, businesses, tribes or utilities. They are registered with the Oregon Community Solar Program and are required to follow program requirements and its code of conduct. All community solar projects must be approved by the program.

Income-qualified customers can receive assistance in being matched to a project from the program's Low-Income Facilitator. For more information on how to sign up, visit www.oregoncsp.org.

Project managers will be able to apply for approval in January 2020. Once projects are approved and go into development, you will be able to find active projects and connect with project managers on oregoncsp.org. We expect the first projects to begin generating energy in late 2020 or in 2021.

#### How much does it cost?

Costs vary by project and type of subscription. Many projects will offer the option to pay for your subscription over time on your utility bill. Your monthly payment will depend on the size of your subscription and whether you're on a fixed or variable subscription plan. Costs will also vary for subscriptions designed specifically for incomequalified participants.

