

**2019-2020 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT(S):** Austin Energy

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**REQUEST:** How much funding is included in the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget for new or existing solar programs that expand access to low-income renters and multifamily projects?

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**RESPONSE:**

Austin Energy anticipates spending 15-20% of its FY20 Solar Program budget on low-income and multifamily. This includes over \$700k in incentives for identified projects that expand solar access to low-income renters, home owners and multifamily projects. Approximately \$680k of the total is expected to be spent on incentives for planned low-income multifamily projects in FY 2019-20, adding 362 units for a total of 539 units in the Shared Solar Program. While it is uncommon to have this many projects in process moving into a new fiscal year, sufficient funding is available for these projects and additional program participation expected in FY 2019-20.

In FY 2019-20, Austin Energy also expects to expand access to solar through Community Solar capacity additions. A 1.5 MW Community Solar array is in the RFP evaluation stage. Half the capacity is expected to be reserved for Customer Assistance Program (CAP) participants, who will receive a discount on the Community Solar Adjustment (in addition to the CAP discount), resulting in immediate bill savings. This will add to the fully subscribed Community Solar Program, which currently has 200 CAP customers participating.