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Inflation Reduction Act Delivers \$405.82 Million in Solar for All Funds to Two Texas-Based Entities

Austin, TX – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) that two entities in Texas were awarded more than \$400 million in funding through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's \$7 billion Solar For All program.

First, the Texas Solar for All Coalition, led by Harris County, was granted \$249.7 million to transform access to distributed solar in disadvantaged communities in municipalities and counties in 11 different areas of Texas, including the Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Dallas areas. The Texas Solar for All (SFA) program will leverage federal funds, tax credits, and other sources to provide financial assistance and access to private capital to support residential multifamily and single family solar, battery storage, and energy efficiency deployments to improve community well-being and resilience to power system failures. The Texas program will support workforce training to serve low-income and disadvantaged residents, support minority- and women-owned businesses, and collaborate with community-based organizations.

Second, the Clean Energy Fund of Texas, a non-profit finance organization, in partnership with the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice at Texas Southern University, will utilize a \$156.12 million grant to deploy technical assistance, private capital, and grants to minority-serving institutions in 19 states throughout the southeast, including Texas.

The competition, created by President Biden's landmark Inflation Reduction Act, seeks to enable low-income and disadvantaged households across America to access the benefits of low-cost, clean solar energy—benefits that include home energy savings, energy resilience, improved air quality, wealth building, and quality jobs.

The Texas Solar for All Coalition and the Clean Energy Fund of Texas are two of 60 awardees that will receive funding through the program. A complete list of recipients of Solar For All awards can be found [here](#).

“With rising electricity prices in Texas and a grid that is often stressed by increasing demand and climate extremes, these two grants will directly help working Texans living in homes and apartments to reduce their energy bills and bring innovative solutions to make our grid cleaner and more resilient,” said **Cyrus Reed, Legislative and Conservation Director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club**. “As the Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott prioritize building expensive, climate polluting gas power plants, programs like Solar for All will help reduce stress on our aging grid and create clean economy jobs.”

The climate law authorized \$7 billion in funding for the program, but by last year's deadline for applications EPA had received requests totaling more than \$38 billion. The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club directly supported the Harris County-led application through a letter to the administration highlighting the importance of bringing clean energy to disadvantaged communities in Austin and other major cities.

“Here in Austin, we have seen how thousands of families and renters have not been able to access solar, battery storage, and other resilient technologies to lower bills and make our grid safer,” noted **Shane Johnson, a Sierra Club Clean Energy Organizer in Central Texas**. “These grants can help make existing Austin Energy programs more accessible and grow these solutions.”

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and ERCOT recently began a [pilot program](#)—Aggregate Distributed Energy Resources—to help residential consumers aggregate storage and provide energy to the market, but the pilot has been limited to a few areas and thus far only to battery storage. The PUCT has the power to expand the program to include solar and demand response and to work with the Texas Legislature next session to make sure low-income Texans are included.

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