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Philadelphia Energy Authority brings back Solarize Philadelphia program | Solar Builder

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On the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the Philadelphia Energy Authority (PEA) reopened [Solarize Philly](#), a program to help all Philadelphians go solar. Solarize Philly is the nation's largest program of its kind, with 654 homeowners

participating since 2017. Participants benefit from group-buying discounts and consumer protections. Installers are kicking off the phase by providing free remote solar assessments. On-site visits and installations will resume in line with state guidance on construction.

“Job creation is going to be key to the recovery of our economy,” said City Council President Darrell Clarke (5th District). “Of all energy projects, rooftop solar creates the most jobs per dollar invested, and PEA is training young Philadelphians to fill those positions. Solarize Philly participants are helping put people to work who need it the most.”

PEA’s Solar Savings Grant Program provides grants plus financing to low- and moderate-income households to go solar at no upfront cost, with utility bill savings from Year 1. Grants cover up to half the cost of the project.

Philly’s solar market is buoyed by measures adopted by City Council in 2019, including the new Philadelphia Solar Rebate. Solar projects in Philadelphia are eligible for a one-time incentive, with the average homeowner receiving ~\$1000. The

rebate provides 10 cents/watt to commercial and 20 cents/watt to residential projects. Projects installed after July 1, 2019 may apply. PEA administers the Rebate on behalf of the City's Office of Sustainability.