



***EcoSmart Choice*[®] Sustainability Grants
Application Form for 2023 Program Year
(Must be completed and returned by April 1, 2024)**

Pursuant to your *EcoSmart Choice*[®] contract and as a participant in the program during the calendar year 2023 (as applicable per enrollment), your community is eligible to receive a Sustainability Grant upon submission of this application. The availability of funds are a result of money remaining after the purchase of RECs have been made. Grants are pro-rated based on the total MWh enrolled in the *EcoSmart Choice*[®] program for the applicable previous calendar years. Please complete this form and return it to Corey Hawkey at chawkey@amppartners.org by April 1, 2024 and contact him at 614-307-9432 with any questions. Thank you for your participation.

Participating Member Community: City of Columbus

- **Please provide a brief description of a proposed sustainability project(s) for which you are requesting a Sustainability Grant. Attach separate sheets as necessary.**

Eligible projects must promote balancing environmental, economic, and community interests. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, installing solar or other renewable generation, tree planting in public parks and spaces, electric vehicle charging stations or incentives, energy efficiency and weatherization improvements to public buildings, supporting local charities, energy and environmental education programs in schools / for customers, economic development activities, etc.

The City of Columbus Municipal Division of Power proposes to use the EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant funding for 2023 to partner with Sustainable Columbus and Solar United Neighbors to fund residential customer solar PV and battery storage projects. This project will focus on lower/middle income residential DOP customers, with 100% of the installation cost being covered by the grant.

The 2024 Solar United Neighbors LMI co-op is currently working to refine a list of candidates with the help of IMPACT Community Action. IMPACT has an established list of potential candidates due to their established weatherization program, which has the means to support the necessary income verification, roof age and condition, and electrical system requirements.

At an estimated cost of \$10,000 - \$15,000 per customer average 4 kW PV installation, and \$15,000 for a battery, the \$167,302.25 could fully-fund 10 - 15 solar PV-only projects, 6 – 7 solar PV + battery storage projects, or a combination thereof for Division of Power LMI customers.

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