



Community Advisory Board

Meeting 1

May 14, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Community Advisory Board Overview and Roles
- *EnergizeNC* Program Overview
- [Break]
- Discussion: Program Design Feedback
- Closing and Next Steps

Meeting Logistics

- Follows Public Meeting Rules ([Chapter 143 - Article 33C](#))
- All public participants are in listening mode
- Questions can be sent through the Q&A function, but may not be answered during the webinar
- Questions can also be sent to info@energizenc.org
- Meetings will not be recorded, but detailed notes will be available after each meeting.

Welcome!

Who We Are

Awardee: State Energy Office (NCDEQ)

Sub-awardees:

- NC Clean Energy Fund
- NC Clean Energy Technology Center
- Advanced Energy

Who You Are

Introductions!

- **Name**
- **Where you're located**
- **What made you apply to the Community Advisory Board?**

Community Advisory Board Overview

Role of the Community Advisory Board

Workforce
Development

Consumer
Protection

Communications
and Outreach

Incentive Design*

Eligibility*

Transparency

CAB Leadership

- A Chair and Vice Chair will be elected annually by CAB members to:
 - Act as liaisons between the CAB and *EnergizeNC* leadership;
 - Co-develop meeting and convening agendas;
 - Co-lead CAB meetings;
 - Lead the development and finalization of CAB written recommendations;
 - Additional time commitment may be required.
- The Chair and Vice Chair will be self-nominated and then voted in for the position by all members of the CAB.

Meeting Logistics

- Follows Open Meetings Act
- Meetings are open to the public and agendas will be provided seven (7) days prior to each meeting.
- Monthly meetings via WebEX – will eventually move to quarterly
- *EnergizeNC* team will support meeting facilitation, provide technical assistance, and manage logistics.
- Decisions will be consensus based (majority vote).
- *EnergizeNC* leadership may host one, one-day in-person annual convening to bring together all CAB members from across the state for deeper collaboration and reflection.

Term and Honorarium

- Members will serve a two-year term, with eligibility to renew annually for the duration of the program.
- Members are eligible for an annual stipend of \$3,000 to compensate for their time and contributions.
- The stipend will be paid out in two installments.
- Travel costs will be reimbursed, as applicable.
- *EnergizeNC* program is expected to run through April 2029.

***EnergizeNC* Program Overview**

North Carolina's Solar for All Program



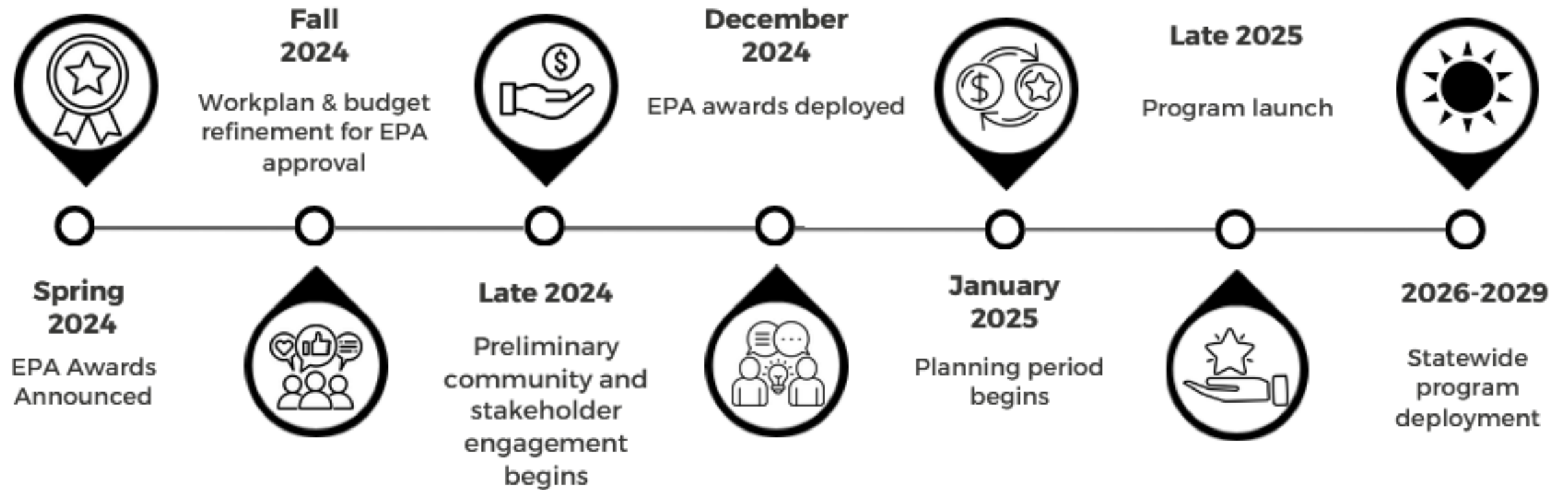
\$156M available through 2029 for low-income and geographically-eligible households to access solar energy and reap the benefits of reduced energy costs.

**20% bill
savings**

**12,500+
households**

**43MW
residential
solar**

EnergizeNC Timeline



Program Goals

- Increase access to clean energy technologies and lower household energy costs.
- Design a plan for and with low-income and geographically-eligible communities by providing robust community and stakeholder engagement.
- Foster and develop a trained workforce to deploy solar in all regions of the state and ensure transparent ethical and business practices that protect consumers.

The *EnergizeNC* Coalition

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Program Pathways

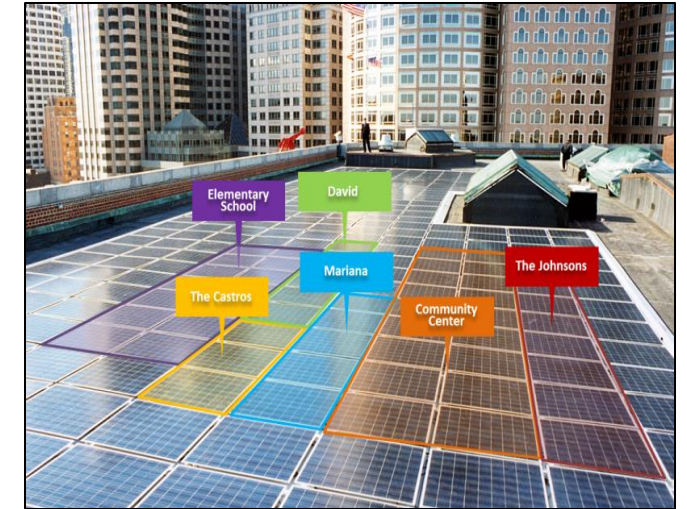
Single-Family



Multi-Family



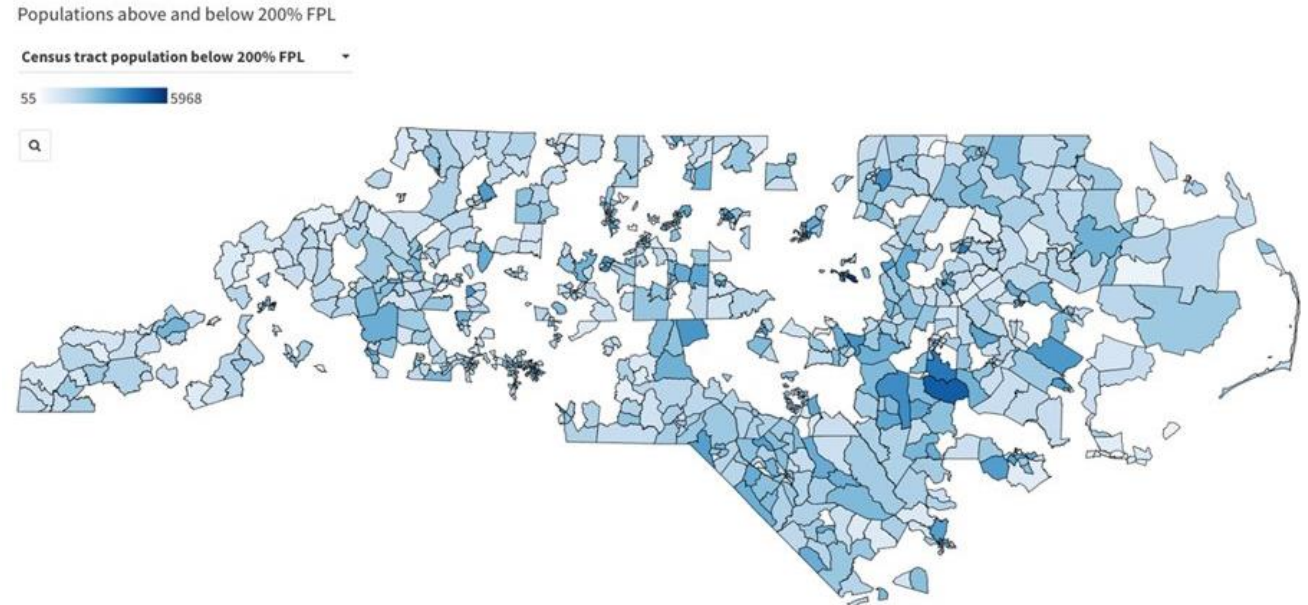
Community Solar



- + Solar-Storage Pilots
- + Consumer Protection
- + Workforce Development
- + Technical Assistance
- + Market Transformation
- (and more)

Program Eligibility

- 1) By census tract
- 2) Meet income-limits
 - 200% FPL
 - 80% AMI
 - 80% SMI
- 3) Affordable housing



Source: Ersi Analysis, Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool

Map Credit: William Munn,
Vote Solar

Finalized program eligibility requirements are still in process.

Program Engagement

Solar Contractor Working Group

- *Solar contractors and other industry stakeholders*
- *Provide feedback and insights into technical and financial program design elements.*

Community Advisory Board

- *Appointed community-focused organizations*
- *Provide feedback on public outreach, eligibility, and technical and financial program design elements.*

+ more coming soon

Program engagement will also include additional topic-specific stakeholder meetings on an as-needed basis.

Break (5 minutes)

Possible areas for feedback

- Consumer Protections (to be discussed today)
- Future topics
 - Community Outreach Strategy
 - Vendor Registration Program
 - Workforce Development
 - Program Design
- Other topics – **What's on your mind?**

Consumer Protections

- Consumer protection is an issue that is at the heart of EnergizeNC and important for the solar industry.
- What are your biggest concerns related to consumer protection?
- Future considerations/questions:
 - What are the expected or suggested avenues of between EnergizeNC contractors/installers and participants?
 - What information about solar installers will participants need in order to select a solar installer from list of registered vendors?

Basics of the Vendor Registration Program (VRP)



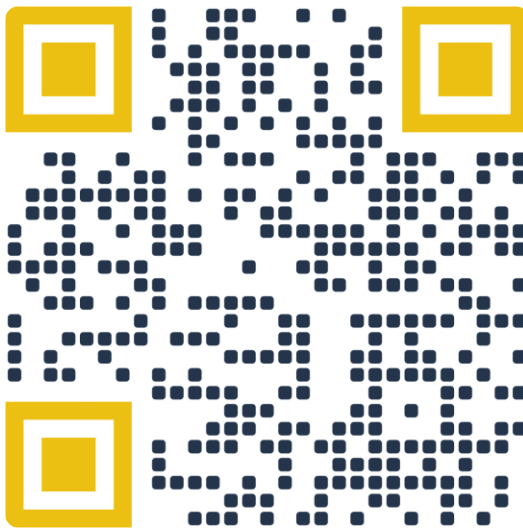
EnergizeNC will depend on a network of qualified contractors to install new grid-connected solar arrays for customers throughout the North Carolina.

EnergizeNC incentives will only be available for new solar PV systems that are designed and installed by Registered Vendors.

Vendors will submit an application and demonstrate their qualifications to become an EnergizeNC Registered Vendor.

Next Steps

- Review Governance document and provide feedback for discussion at next CAB meeting.
- Information on stipend will be emailed in next two weeks
- We'll send information on the contractor working group
- We'll share the survey for existing workforce programs
- Survey will be distributed:
 - Self-nomination for Board Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Calendar poll for recurring monthly meeting



THANK YOU!!
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Learn more about EnergizeNC or sign up for
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