

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
RFP FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS
AUGUST 25, 2014

	Question	Answer
1.	Can you please clarify whether or not municipal solar PV projects are eligible for this new grant opportunity, assuming that they reach the minimum financial requirement outlined in the proposal?	Yes, municipal solar photovoltaic (PV) projects are eligible to apply for funding. Please note, however, that if the PV project is eligible for a rebate under the Commission's Commercial and Industrial Solar Incentive program for installations up to 100 kilowatts in capacity, then the project is not eligible for this grant opportunity.
2.	If a group of home owners in our town were to band together to create a jointly owned community solar garden array as is now permitted with passage of SB 98, would the resulting collective project be considered a commercial enterprise as required by the RFP #2014-003? Would the collective thus be eligible?	The solar garden array is eligible to apply for grant funds if two conditions are met. First, the capacity of the solar array must be greater than 100 kilowatts. Below this threshold the array would be eligible for the Commission's Commercial and Industrial Solar Incentive program and would therefore be ineligible for this RFP. Secondly, the utility meter for the solar array must be a commercial one (as opposed to a residential meter). Your electric utility will determine what type of meter is appropriate for the proposed solar array.
3.	My home residential community of 5-Star Energy efficient and geothermal heated and cooled homes is interested to see if funding would be available for us to add solar PV panels and/or solar water heating with the potential to also have some sort of back-up storage system for eventually going off-grid. Would this type of a sizeable project be commercial, because of its size and complexity, or residential?	If you are planning to add solar PV and/or solar hot water panels to each home individually, this would be considered a series of residential projects. Each project would be eligible for funding through our residential rebate programs , but the project in its entirety would be ineligible for this RFP. On the other hand, if you are proposing a single large PV array, then under certain conditions the project would be eligible for this grant opportunity. Please see Answer #2 for additional explanation.