

Program Application Document

Title: Solar PV Grant Program

Total Funding Available: \$522,965.00

Award Range: Tentatively 10 projects. The number of projects will vary depending on the characteristics of the applications received.

Program Overview

The City of El Paso is committed to reducing energy costs and burden for our local community members. This grant provides "turnkey" solar PV installations for eligible small businesses and nonprofits to improve operational resilience and climate sustainability.

Eligibility Checklist (PASS/FAIL criteria)

- **Location:** Must be physically located within the City of El Paso limits.
- **Ownership:** The applicant organization must hold the deed to the facility or a long-term lease and approval from the owner to apply.
- **Financials:** Ability to demonstrate 2 years of operational stability. Good standing with local, state, and federal governments.
- **Site Readiness:** Roof must be in good condition (< 7 years old or structurally certified) with minimal shading (<20%).
- **Electrical infrastructure:** electrical panels will be assessed to evaluate if they need upgrades. This grant opportunity does not cover upgrades.

Scoring sheet (100 points)

Social criteria (30 Points):

- Located in or serving a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) as defined by the CEJST tool [Explore the map - Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool](#) . Explain the services provided by your organization and target clients (15 pts)
- Community Benefit: Explain how the projected annual energy savings will be utilized. For example, will these funds be used to hire staff, expand operating hours, or reduce costs for low-income clients? (15 pts)

Financial capacity & Sustainability (25 Points):

- Operations & Maintenance (O&M) (15 pts): Applicant's ability and commitment to cover long-term O&M costs (insurance, cleaning, inverter replacement).

- Organization Stability (10 pts): Financial health of the nonprofit or small business (2 years of financial statements).

Environmental & Technical Performance (45 Points):

- Hours of operation (15 pts): Operations take place during the day, maximizing the impact of solar PV technology.
- Energy Offset (15 pts): What percentage of the facility's annual load will the system cover?
- Energy efficiency and weatherization (15 points): Have you improved energy efficiency and weatherization for the facility in the last 5 years?

Documentation checklist.

All documents to be sent to berjanofl@elpasotexas.gov before the April 17, 2026 5.00 pm MST deadline

- Proof of Non-Profit or SBA status
- Deed or Letter of authorization+Long-term lease
- Documentation of roof structural condition
- Financial documents
- Any other document relevant to the application