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## **Fort Collins Utilities' 2014 Renewable Energy Programs Update**

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Fort Collins Utilities offers ongoing solar incentive programs along with continued energy efficiency initiatives. Learn more about our programs at [fcgov.com/renewables](http://fcgov.com/renewables). If you're not already on our contact list, email [utilities@fcgov.com](mailto:utilities@fcgov.com) and request to be added to our solar program distribution list.

### **Fort Collins Community Solar**

**(Reservations being taken now - see related press release)**

Negotiations are now complete on an operating agreement with Clean Energy Collective (CEC) for the Fort Collins Community Solar project. This pilot program provides additional renewable energy options for Utilities customers who want the benefits of solar ownership without the research, construction and maintenance of a stand-alone system. It also benefits those who can't install onsite due to rooftop shading as well as rental homes and customers who live in an apartment or condo.

Participating customers can lower utility bills and take advantage of rebates and tax incentives, while also having the flexibility of selling their system, or taking energy credits with them if they move within the utility territory. The program will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis with a limited amount of panels available for purchase. CEC expects the solar array to be delivering power later this year. After available rebates and tax incentives, pricing is expected to be \$1.59 per watt, or \$485 per 305 watt panel.

To reserve panels and stay informed see [www.FortCollinsCommunitySolar.com](http://www.FortCollinsCommunitySolar.com).

### **Fort Collins Solar Power Purchase Program**

The application period for the Fort Collins Solar Power Purchase Program (SP<sup>3</sup>) closed February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 20 projects totaling 4.3MW are now going forward. The objective of the SP<sup>3</sup> is to procure new locally installed solar capacity to help meet the community's renewable energy commitments under the Colorado Renewable Energy Standard (RES). These projects will be located on a commercial customer's property with Utilities purchasing the electric output of the project under an extended contract.

### **Small PV Rebate Incentives**

As of May 1st, all 2014 rebate funds have been reserved for 72 residential rebate requests. We will continue to accept new applications to a waitlist. Rebate funds remain available for 4 commercial rebates. See [fcgov.com/solar-rebates](http://fcgov.com/solar-rebates) for more information.



## **Home Efficiency Loan Program (HELP)**

Utilities now offers low-cost financing for energy efficiency, solar PV and water conservation loans allowing Utility customers to conveniently repay the loan on their monthly utility bill. Loans range from \$1,000-\$15,000 and can cover up to 100% of the project cost. A \$25 application fee and \$150 loan settlement fee applies. Visit [fcgov.com/financing](http://fcgov.com/financing) for more information.

## **Green Energy Program**

The Green Energy Program continues to offer customers the option to voluntarily subscribe to purchase clean, renewable energy for an additional 2.4 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). This option is for customers who are willing to pay a little more for their electricity to guarantee that it comes from clean energy sources. Learn more at [fcgov.com/green-energy](http://fcgov.com/green-energy).

## **Fort Collins Renewable Energy Goals**

Fort Collins renewable programs support City policy as outlined in the Climate Action Plan, <http://www.fcgov.com/climateprotection/>, and the Energy Policy, [fcgov.com/utilities/what-we-do](http://fcgov.com/utilities/what-we-do), as well as the Colorado Renewable Energy Standard (RES) with focus on local projects. The Colorado RES minimum requirements for Fort Collins are 6 percent renewable energy by 2015 and 10 percent by 2020.

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