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# Fort Collins Utilities' Renewable Energy Programs Update September 15, 2015

Fort Collins Utilities offers solar incentive programs along with ongoing energy efficiency initiatives. Learn more about our programs at <a href="fcgov.com/renewables">fcgov.com/renewables</a>. If you're not already on our contact list, email <a href="mailto:utilities@fcgov.com">utilities@fcgov.com</a> and request to be added to our solar program distribution list.

#### **2015 Small PV Rebate Incentives** - Additional funds approved

With more than 30 applications on a waitlist, approval has been given to provide additional funds for rebates in 2015. Confirmation of rebates for waitlisted and new applications will begin September 15<sup>th</sup> in the order that complete applications are received. 2015 funding will now total \$525,000 for approximately 130 residential and 7 commercial systems. The rebate amount is \$1.00/DC-Watt up to 3kW for residences and 20kW for businesses. In addition to confirming rebates for waitlisted projects, roughly 25 additional residential rebates and 1 additional commercial rebate will be available. Updated information and application forms are posted at <a href="fcgov.com/solar-rebates">fcgov.com/solar-rebates</a>.

## **Community Solar**

The community solar project built on the Dreher Pickle Plant site (Riverside and Mulberry) is now operational and 95% subscribed. This 620kW pilot project developed by Clean Energy Collective LLC provides additional renewable energy options for Utilities customers who want the benefits of solar ownership without the construction and maintenance of a system on their own premises. 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 condominium. Participating customers receive solar energy credit on their 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.

For more information see FortCollinsCommunitySolar.com

## Fort Collins Solar Power Purchase Program

10 out of 11 projects on 14 sites totaling 3.7MW in the Fort Collins Solar Power Purchase Program (SP³) are now operational. The objective of the SP³ 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 are located on a commercial customer's property with Utilities purchasing the electric output of the project under an extended contract.

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

Utilities 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 up to \$15,000 can cover up to 100% of the project cost. Visit <u>fcgov.com/financing</u> for more information.

## **Green Energy Program**

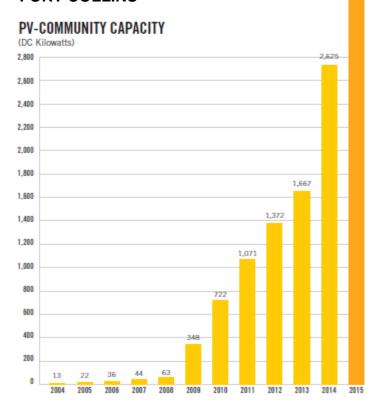
The Green Energy Program continues to offer customers the option to voluntarily subscribe to purchase clean, renewable energy for an additional 2.4 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). This option is for customers who are willing to pay a little more for their electricity to guarantee that it comes from clean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

### **Fort Collins Renewable Energy Goals**

Fort Collins renewable programs support City policy as outlined in the Climate Action Plan, <a href="http://www.fcgov.com/climateprotection/">http://www.fcgov.com/climateprotection/</a>, and the Energy Policy, <a href="fcgov.com/utilities/what-we-do">fcgov.com/utilities/what-we-do</a>, 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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