

Community Foundation for Southern Arizona's

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The **Nonprofit Solar Project** is a new program led by the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona in partnership with private donors, **Solar United Neighbors**, and **Tucson Electric Power**.

As part of CFSA's **Environmental Sustainability Impact Fund**, the Nonprofit Solar Project offers local nonprofits the opportunity to meet a significant portion of their energy needs through solar power.

Through the switch to solar, nonprofits will be able to reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs, freeing up resources for programming or other infrastructure needs.

Funding for NSP comes from CFSA donors and Tucson Electric Power.



Solar United Neighbors



- A vender neutral, national 501c3 nonprofit established in 2007
- Works throughout the country, helping communities go solar, join together, and fight for energy rights.



Solar United Neighbors

1.7 BILLION

pounds in lifetime carbon dioxide offsets

\$240 million

in lifetime energy savings

332 solar co-ops established
in twelve states

\$142 million

IN SOLAR PURCHASES

971

solar jobs created through SUN

55.8 MW

of solar installed since 2007

Twelve

state programs:

AZ, CO, DC, FL, IN, MD,
MN, OH, PA, TX, VA, WV

6,621

households with solar



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OUR PURPOSE

To create an equitable and vibrant community for all Southern Arizonans by connecting donors to the causes they care about.

OUR IMPACT

Founded in 1980, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona has supported Southern Arizona with over \$215 million in grants and scholarships, stewarding the philanthropic legacy of our community's generous donors and increasing the breadth and depth of resources available to nonprofit organizations in our region.

The impact we make is a collective one, with funds held by individuals, families, and businesses with unique interests, ideas, and passions. Our work touches every aspect of daily life, including animal welfare, arts and culture, community development, education, environment, health and human services, and more.

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24,000

square feet of solar-powered nonprofit office, meeting, and event space at the Community Foundation Campus

\$215+ million

in grants & scholarships
awarded since 1980

500+

Home to more than 500
funds benefitting a wide
range of causes

\$200+ million

IN TOTAL ASSETS

218+

hours of organizational development
support offered through CFSA's Center
for Healthy Nonprofits in 2021

\$15+ million

grants & scholarships
awarded in 2021

\$26+ million

contributions
received in 2021


seven

Southern Arizona counties served:
Pima, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Yuma,
Graham, Greenlee, and Pinal



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Project Goals

Nonprofit Solar Project Goals

- Expand access to solar for nonprofits in Pima County, Arizona.
- Redirect resources from cost savings into participating nonprofit communities.
- Empower local communities and support them in leading the way to a just energy transition.

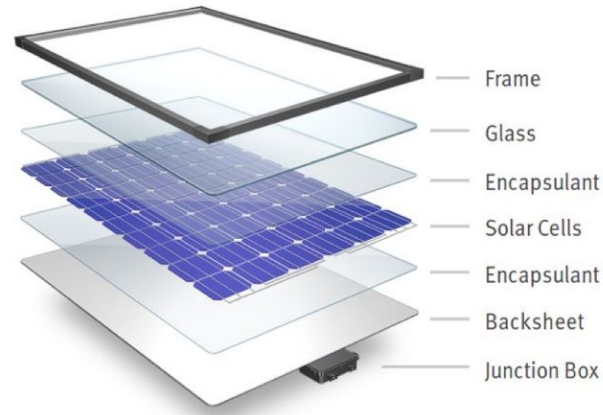
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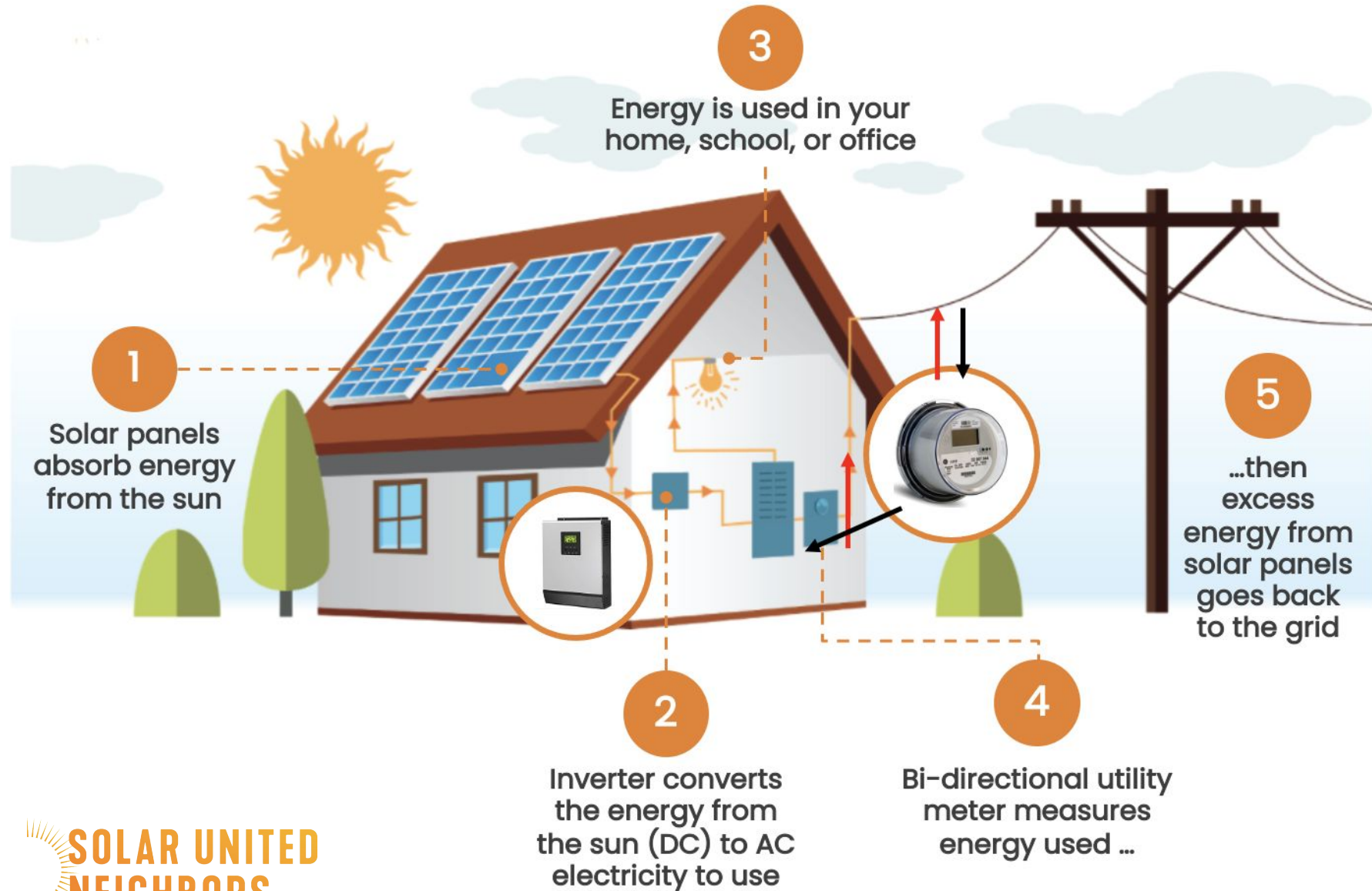
Basics of Solar



- Solar photovoltaic (PV) cells convert solar energy into electricity
- Solar panels form a solar array
- Rooftop solar can reduce energy use and lower utility bills




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Who's Eligible?

Eligibility

Applicant requirements:

- A registered 501c3 organization in good standing
- Located in Pima County, AZ
- Local leadership, local financial support, local program management & accountability
- Proposed installation must benefit people living in Pima County



Eligibility (continued)

- Churches with secular programming that meet a community need are eligible to apply
- Schools with 501c3 status may apply
- Proposed installation cannot already be in progress or completed at the time of the award



Technical Requirements



- Must be the property owner
- Minimum of 200 sq. ft. of unobstructed roof or ground space
- Roof with a remaining lifespan of at least 15 years
- Not covered by slate or Spanish clay tile

Application Process

- Applications are completed and submitted on Common Grant Application.
- Applications are reviewed for installation eligibility and selection criteria
- CFSA & SUN will conduct virtual site visits with applicants
- Community Review Committee will then make final recommendations for participant selection
- Selected participants will then work with SUN to select their preferred solar installer

Required Documents

- 501c3 Determination Letter
- List of Current Board of Directors
- List of Current Key Staff
- Balance Sheet (Assets and Liabilities) for the most recently completed fiscal year
- Profit and Loss Statement (Income and Expense) for the most recently completed fiscal year
- Applicant's approved organizational budget for the current fiscal year
- Last 12 months of your electric bills if available (in one document)

Important Deadlines

April 22 – Application Opens


May 27 @ 5:00 PM MST – Application Closes

May/June - Application Review & Site Visits

June 30 (subject to change) – Participants
Selected

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Questions?

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