

Quarter 1 Report

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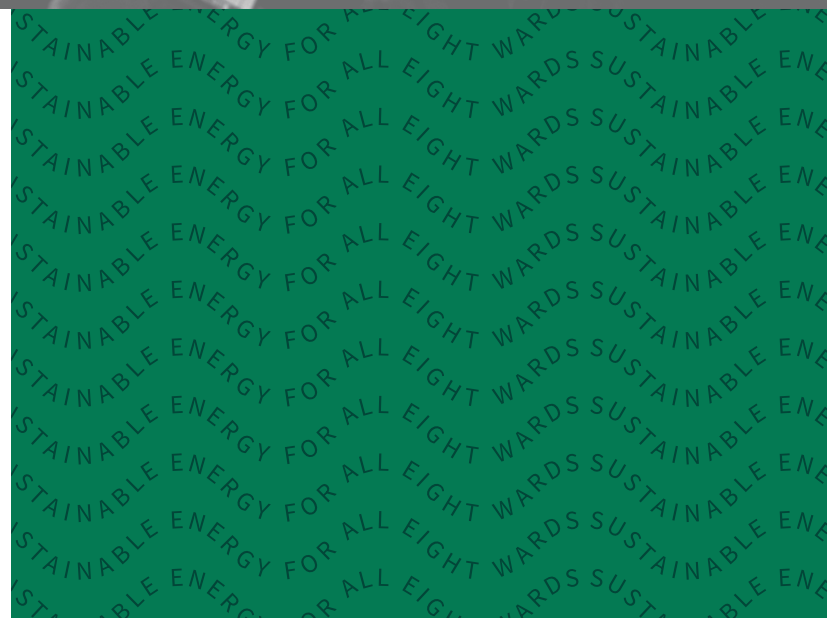


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This report of the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) covers the period from October 1 through December 31, 2025. This progress report contains information about the DCSEU's activity to date in FY 2026. It also contains information on the Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator, Affordable Home Electrification, Sustainable Energy Infrastructure and Capacity Building Pipeline, and Solar for All programs.

The data presented in this report are preliminary based on the DCSEU's estimates and are subject to change upon final verification. The data are subject to rigorous monitoring and verification by third-party evaluation and auditing firms hired by the District Department of Energy and Environment at the end of each fiscal year.

A message from the DCSEU

As we close the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026, the DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) continues advancing its mission of delivering meaningful energy savings, supporting economic opportunity, and fostering a clean, equitable energy future for all District residents. We continue to move forward with the active funding currently available to implement impactful programs while we gain clarity on both local and federal funding streams. This approach ensures continuity in our services and positions us to respond quickly as additional funding opportunities materialize.

This quarter, we have built on the strong momentum generated by the successful launch last year of the **DC Electrification Rebate (DCER)** offer, while simultaneously creating expanded opportunities across the **Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP)** and **Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator (AHRA)**. Our commitment to serving low-income residents and affordable housing providers was highlighted through hosting the highest attended **Income Qualified Efficiency Fund (IQEF) Program Information Session Kickoff to date**, offering contractors and property owners/managers clear guidance on affordable housing and Low-Income Program offerings as the FY 2026 application period opened in December. And we continue to look for ways to serve commercial and institutional customers with incentives and technical assistance at a time of ongoing uncertainty and volatility in the commercial real estate market.

We were proud to initiate the **fifth program year of the Train Green Sustainable Energy Infrastructure Capacity Building and Pipeline Program (Train Green SEICBP)**—a critical driver of clean energy workforce development in the District. In December, we launched 14 courses available to CBEs and District residents to advance their skills and gain certifications across a variety of topic areas and levels of expertise. As we prepare for the FY 2026 Winter/Summer Cohort launch in February, our Workforce Development team began Q1 with several key efforts, including:

- Convening the **FY 2026 Mentor Roundtable** to engage and galvanize new mentor participants;
- Partnering with the **Office of the People’s Counsel (OPC)** to share the extern program with prospective students; and
- Providing **public testimony** during the Committee of the Whole’s November hearing on Adult Workforce Education in the District.

The DCSEU’s work in Q1 comes at a pivotal moment for District ratepayers, who are facing rising energy costs influenced in part by increases in electric and gas rates due to current and projected electricity demand from large data centers. Across the U.S., rapid data center growth has driven utilities to expand grid infrastructure, with associated costs often passed on to customers. In several states with significant data center concentration, such as Virginia, which is part of the PJM interconnection which also serves the District, residential electricity prices have risen faster than the national average, reflecting the strain these facilities place on regional power systems. Energy efficiency and clean energy, especially DCSEU programs designed to drive affordability and accessibility, remain a critical tool in the toolbox to address rising energy costs for District residents and businesses.

As we continue FY 2026, the DCSEU remains committed to supporting the District’s clean energy goals while providing residents and businesses with programs and services that can help them manage rising energy costs. Through strategic program delivery, workforce development, and cross-sector collaboration, we will continue to drive progress toward a more efficient and accessible energy future for the District of Columbia.



Benjamin Burdick,
Managing Director

Quarterly feature

Train Green SEICBP launches its fifth year, strengthening the District’s clean energy workforce



Train Green participants learning in the ASHRAE Commercial Building Energy Audits course.

Q1 of FY 2026, the DCSEU marked a major workforce-development milestone with the launch of the fifth year of the Train Green Sustainable Energy Infrastructure Capacity Building and Pipeline Program (Train Green SEICBP). The program, first launched in FY 2021 and originally established in 2018, continues to serve as a cornerstone for preparing District residents and Certified Business Enterprises (CBEs) for high-demand roles in the rapidly expanding clean energy and green building sectors.

Train Green SEICBP was designed to build a steady pipeline of skilled professionals who can support the District’s climate goals—expanding access to energy efficiency, high-performance building technologies, and decarbonization expertise. As described by Crystal McDonald, DCSEU Director of Account Management and Workforce Development, the program’s mission in its fifth year remains clear: to “expand opportunities for residents and local businesses to build the technical skills needed for a modern, low-carbon energy workforce.”

Her message reflects the continued momentum of the District’s shift toward sustainability. By reducing barriers to training—such as cost, access, and credentialing—Train Green SEICBP plays a vital role in ensuring that local workers and small businesses can

actively participate in the clean energy transition.

With the FY 2026 launch, the program introduced a comprehensive slate of 14 instructor-led, virtual, in-person, hybrid, and self-paced courses. These offerings span foundational skills to advanced technical certifications, covering areas such as building performance, energy auditing, heat pump technologies, sustainability fundamentals, and green construction practices. Key courses include:

- ASHRAE Commercial Building Energy Audits (In-Person)
- BPI Air Conditioning & Heat Pump Certification Training + Testing (Hybrid)
- BPI Building Analyst (Single-Family) and Multifamily Analyst Certifications
- Building Science Principles (Self-Paced)
- Energy Benchmarking: Energy Data, Metrics, and Analytics
- LEED Green Associate (In-Person and Virtual)
- Passive House & Net-Zero Concepts (Self-Paced)
- The Retrofit Lab: Preparing Homes for Heat Pump Upgrades

As the District accelerates its transition toward a carbon-neutral future, the early accomplishments of Q1 demonstrate the ongoing value of Train Green SEICBP. The program not only equips residents with in-demand technical skills, but also fosters economic opportunity, business growth, and community resilience across all eight wards.

With a rich catalog of FY 2026 courses and a strong, equity-centered mission, Train Green SEICBP remains one of the DCSEU’s flagship initiatives, laying the groundwork for a workforce prepared to build, maintain, and lead the sustainable infrastructure of tomorrow.

At a glance: Progress against benchmarks

Table 1. Cumulative benchmarks.

Performance to date, measured against benchmarks and contract requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: The values below should be considered preliminary estimates. VEIC’s Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification (EM&V) team performs monthly quality assurance on DCSEU custom engineering projects to ensure the accuracy of energy savings and GHG emissions reduction. This process has been in place since 2012 and can result in variances in the values presented in previous reports.

Item	Benchmark	Description	Metric Unit	Goal Type	FY 2026 Q1 Results (October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)	Cumulative Results (October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2025)	Five-Cumulative Benchmark Minimum (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2026)	Five-Cumulative Benchmark Maximum (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2026)	Five-Year Cumulative Minimum Benchmark Progress	Five-Year Cumulative Maximum Benchmark Progress
1	Cumulative Performance Benchmarks	Reduce energy consumption	Metric tons CO2e (modified gross) ¹	Cumulative	2,409	225,680	256,924	367,035	88%	61.5%
2a		Increase Renewable Generating Capacity	kW capacity	Cumulative	514.9 kW	6,149.5 kW (44,279.9 MMBTU source energy equiv. through 11/30/25)	4,500 kW	5,000 kW	137%	123%
2b		Reduce Energy Consumption at >= 50% of renewable energy generating capacity across solar projects	Ratio of solar measure energy savings to non-solar measure energy savings (%)	Cumulative	-	>50% (96,253 / 2 = 48,126.5 MMBTU - currently 253,625 MMBTU in efficiency across portfolio - through 12/31/25)	>= 50%	-	-	On Track / Exceeding
3		Deep Energy Retrofits	# of projects that lead to at least 20% site energy reduction	Cumulative	-	18	42	60	43%	30%

¹ Please note: the DCSEU’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction estimates in previous monthly and quarterly reports in FY 2022 were provided in “net” values. The DCSEU is evaluated on “modified gross” values and has updated its reporting to reflect this as of the April 2022 report.

Table 2. Annual benchmarks.

Performance to date, measured against benchmarks and contract requirements.²

Item	Benchmark	Description	Metric Unit	FY 2026 Period Results (October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)	Annual Benchmark Minimum (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026)	Annual Benchmark Maximum (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026)	Annual Minimum Benchmark Progress	Annual Maximum Benchmark Progress
4	Annual Performance Benchmarks	Improve energy efficiency in low-income housing	20% (min) to 30% (max) of annual spending (varies annually)	\$924,665	\$3,560,000	\$5,340,000	30%	17%
5		Increase number of green collar jobs	Green job FTE’s directly worked by DC residents, earning at least a living hourly wage	12.29	66	88	19%	14%
6		DCSEU general and administrative expenses	% of Cost Reimbursement Ceiling (capped at 20%)	\$613,041.67	-	\$3,560,000	18%	-
7	Other Annual Contract Requirements	Expenditures with Small Business Enterprises (SBEs)/Certified Business Enterprises (CBEs)	35% of annual DCSEU operating budget subcontracted to SBEs/CBEs	\$313,066.82	\$12,831,600.11	-	2.4%	-

² The DCSEU provides services under a performance-based contract that contains a broad array of performance benchmarks and other contract requirements. These benchmarks are derived from goals established in the District’s Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008. The DCSEU contract contains additional minimum contract requirements beyond the contract performance goals.

Sector highlights in the core areas

Low-income programs

→ Income-Qualified Efficiency Fund (IQEF)

- The DCSEU team launched the FY 2026 IQEF program application period on December 2, 2025, hosting an info session for customers and contractors. The session had 80 registrants and 58 attendees.
- The DCSEU issued incentive payments totaling \$540,038 representing 1,305 MMBTU in first-year source energy savings and 78 MTCO_{2e} in annual emissions.

→ Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator (AHRA)

- The DCSEU continued to work closely with DOEE on project reviews and commitments, working around constraints related to the timelines for federal funding availability.
- The DCSEU issued incentive payments totaling \$7,442 for 1 load study project.
- The DCSEU hosted the AHRA quarterly contractor check-in on December 17, 2025 with 18 attendees.
- The team continued to work with customers and contractors to develop scopes of work for 4 additional AHRA properties.
- The team continued to coordinate with outreach partners at Electrify DC to communicate project details to AHRA building residents.

→ Low-Income Comprehensive

- The DCSEU issued incentive payments totaling \$122,850 representing 4,771 MMBTU in first-year source energy savings and 293 MTCO_{2e} in annual emissions.
- The account manager and engineering teams continued to work with customers to build pipeline to maximize use of the FY 2026 incentive budget.

→ Low-Income Energy Kits

- The DCSEU delivered 30 free energy kits to tenant households within AHRA properties that took the pre-retrofit tenant engagement survey.

- The DCSEU delivered 36 free energy kits to FY 2025 AHEP customers whose projects were waitlisted until FY 2026.

→ Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP – formerly HVAC Replacement)

- The DCSEU completed installations within 10 single-family homes and started installation within an additional 24 single-family homes.
- The team responded multiple urgent requests for HVAC replacements for customers without heat and/or hot water.
- The team made the necessary program preparations for FY 2026 along with updates under legal review for the AHEP FY 2026 single-family and multifamily templates.
- The team issued public notices for both single-family and multifamily programs noting funding limitations and an indefinite waitlist for FY 2026.
- The DCSEU issued 2 homeowner agreements to property owners for multifamily projects in the first quarter.

Residential Efficient Products program

- The Efficient Products and DC Electrification Rebates (DCER) programs allocated \$299,421 in rebates representing 2,899 MMBTU in first-year source energy savings and 192 MTCO_{2e} in annual emissions reduced during the first quarter of FY 2026 through downstream prescriptive appliance, HVAC rebates, and electric lawn mower rebates. The program served 330 participants.
- The team launched residential desktop computer rebates and announced the discontinuation of residential rebates for central AC units as ENERGY STAR is phasing out this equipment. The DCSEU will continue to support rebates for qualifying heat pump technology.

Business Energy Rebates (BER) and Instant Business Rebates

(IBR) programs

- The DCSEU provided rebates totaling more than \$133,841 through the Business Energy Rebates (BER) and Instant Business Rebates (IBR) programs in the first quarter of FY 2026, representing 16,800 MMBTU in first-year source energy savings and 1,083 MTCO_{2e}.
- The team launched rebates into the BER program in the first quarter:
 - Commercial TV rebates
 - Commercial desktop computer rebates
 - Electronically commutated motor (ECM) circulator pump rebates

Account management and engineering

- The DCSEU team engaged with new developer that saw the completion of the first certified Net-Zero Energy affordable housing project in NW DC. The new building included a rooftop solar PV and a rear solar parking canopy. The 18-unit property features high-efficiency HVAC, Energy Star Appliances, EPA water-sense fixtures and include commercial space on the first floor in coordination with DMPED.
- The DCSEU team helped to support a multi-phased affordable housing renovation effort across multiple buildings, that included LED lighting, ENERGY STAR Appliances, and low-flow plumbing fixtures.
- The team supported two projects at universities that included a 262,401 square foot new building construction project with 230 units with the installation of a solar PV system to improve the building's energy score and achieve LEED certification. The second project was a new LEED Net Zero-certified project with energy-efficient HVAC, LED lighting and controls, HP water heaters, and low-flow plumbing fixtures.
- The team continued to work with customers to issue incentive agreements for project pipeline, and to move forward additional opportunities with customers throughout the first quarter.

Workforce development and training

→ Workforce Development program

- The Workforce Development Program team in the first quarter dedicated their time preparing for the FY 2026 Winter/Summer Cohort, which will be the only cohort for FY 2026. This included hosting a mentor roundtable, screening 49 program candidates, and onboarding program mentor organizations.
- The FY 2026 Winter/Summer Cohort will have 11 participating mentor organizations and 20-23 externs. There are 4 new mentor organizations participating this fiscal year (Al's Twin Air, AAA Complete Buildings, 1919 Consultants LLC, and Queens Energy Conservation, LLC).

→ Train Green Sustainable Energy Infrastructure and Capacity Building Pipeline (SEICBP) program

- The program launched for FY 2026 with 14 courses covering a variety of topics and formats in December. Two additional courses were launched at the beginning of the second quarter.
- The team received 74 program access form application submissions in the first quarter.
- The team strengthened collaboration with training partners and internal stakeholders, ensuring consistent messaging and alignment with broader sustainability initiatives.
- The team maintained high training quality and learner satisfaction, as reflected in positive session feedback and post-training evaluations administered by training providers.

Marketing, public relations, community outreach, and public affairs

- The team prioritized FY 2026 updates to DCSEU program and services across the DCSEU website, marketing materials, and advertisements.
- The team sent approximately 10 email campaigns resulting in over 15,800 emails sent supporting DCSEU programs and services. See below a sample of email outreach.

- [December Energy Saver Newsletter](#) – Sent to over 11,600 subscribers
 - [Train Green Course Launch Announcement](#) – Sent to over 1,000 subscribers
 - [IQEF FY 2026 Application Announcement](#) – Sent to over 950 subscribers
- Across DCSEU social media platforms, the team made 147 total posts and generated more than 21,300 post impressions and 2,100 post engagements in the first quarter of the fiscal year.
- The Marketing and Communication Team supported the following internal events with set up, e-blast, event moderation, social promotions, and follow up communications.
- FY 2026 Workforce Development Program Mentor Roundtable
 - FY 2026 IQEF Customer Info Session
- In the first quarter, the team also posted the following impact stories, news, programs, and resources on the DCSEU site:
- [When Do You Need An Electrical Panel Upgrade?](#) - October 2025
 - [Commercial Rebates for Energy-Efficient TVs and Computers](#) - November 2025
 - [Rebates on Energy Efficient Desktop Computers for DC Residents](#) - November 2025
 - [FY 2026 Workforce Development Mentor Roundtable Recording](#) - November 2025
 - [Income Qualified Efficiency Fund \(IQEF\) Contractor Data Intake Tool Info Session Recording](#) - November 2025
 - [5 Energy-Saving Holiday Gift Ideas for a Healthier Home](#) - December 2025
 - 14 Train Green Courses - December 2025
 - [The DCSEU Launches Fifth Year of Train Green Program for FY 2026](#) - December 2025
 - [FY 2026 Income Qualified Efficiency Fund Info Session Recording](#) - December 2025
- During the first quarter, the DCSEU received earned media mentions in the following media outlets:
- [ACHR News](#)
 - [Beehiiv](#)
 - [The Boston Globe](#)
 - [Energy and Policy Institute](#)
 - [Yahoo News](#)
 - [WUSA9](#)

Outreach and events highlights:

- **October 8, 2025 – 2025 DC Department of Human Services (DHS) Family Services Administration (FSA) Vocational Resource and Employment Fair**
The Workforce Development Team tabled at the DHS job fair at the Ward 7 Deanwood Recreation center recruiting for the upcoming Workforce Development Program cohort and sharing information about Train Green.
- **October 14, 2025 – October 15, 2025 – 2025 Maryland Clean Energy Summit**
DCSEU staff, Ben Burdick and Nikola Jovic, were panelists at two roundtable sessions of the Maryland Clean Energy Summit focused on funding climate goals and Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS).
- **October 15, 2025 – The Sixty DC Hotel Grand Opening**
DCSEU staff, Leigh Harrold, Crystal McDonald, and Julia Ethan attended the grand opening for the new Sixty DC Hotel, which was an office-to-hotel conversion that received support from both the DCSEU and DC Green Bank.
- **October 15, 2025 – 2025 Ready, Set, Future: DC Secondary Transition College & Career Fair**
The Workforce Development Team tabled at the DC Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) career fair at the Ward 2 MLK Library recruiting for the upcoming Workforce Development Program cohort and sharing information about Train Green.
- **October 15, 2025 – Energy Efficiency Day 2025 at SW Library**
To celebrate Energy Efficiency Day and Energy Efficiency Awareness Month, the DCSEU joined DOEE, DCPSC, and others at Southwest Library in Ward 6. The DCSEU tabled and shared information about the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), residential rebates, Solar for All (SFA), the Workforce Development Program, and Train Green.
- **October 16, 2025 – DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Workshop: Streamlining Utility Service Upgrades for Electricity**
DCSEU staff, Marlene Azer and Philana Owusu, attended the DOEE workshop at their headquarters focused on discussing ways to help streamline the

process for getting utility service upgrades from Pepco with relevant contractors.

- **October 25, 2025 – Oktoberfest – MANNA Housing Resources Expo**
The DCSEU tabled at the MANNA Homes housing resource expo at THEARC in Ward 8 sharing information about the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), residential rebates, Solar for All (SFA), the Workforce Development Program, and Train Green.
- **October 29, 2025 – DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Young Adult Hiring Fair Job Fair**
The Workforce Development Team tabled at the DOES job fair at the Ward 7 headquarters of DOES recruiting for the upcoming Workforce Development Program cohort and sharing information about Train Green.
- **November 7, 2025 - Fairfax Village: Berkeley Grad Student Site Visit**
The Solar for All team hosted a group of 8-10 students from University of California, Berkeley at the Fairfax Village CREF site to learn about the implications of local and federal renewable energy policy changes and SFA.
- **November 12, 2025 - DC's Housing Future: What's Next After the RENTAL Act**
Crystal McDonald, DCSEU Director of Account Management and Workforce Development, attended *Housing&'s* conversation on the future of DC's housing ecosystem. This event included a diverse lineup of leaders from housing, community development, and related sectors that shared their insights on court procedure reform, TOPA reform, and the outlook for DC's housing market.
- **November 13, 2025 - Grand Opening of Carl F. West Senior Estates**
Yvonne Coles, Manager of Account Management, attended the grand opening of National Caucus & Center on Black Aging's (NCBA) Carl F. West Senior Estates. This new 179-unit affordable housing community in Ward, supported by the DCSEU, is designed to serve low-income seniors and includes 36 grandfamily apartments for older adults raising grandchildren.
- **November 19, 2025 – FY 2026 Workforce**

- Development Program Mentor Roundtable**
The Workforce Development Team hosted the program's mentor roundtable to provide prospective and returning mentors with information about the program, mentor responsibilities, and any updated procedures. 18 registered and 15 attended.
- **November 20, 2025 - 2025 DC Council Adult Education Public Hearing**
Crystal McDonald, DCSEU Director of Account Management and Workforce Development, provided testimony before the DC Council's Committee of the Whole on adult workforce education in the District and the impact of the DCSEU's Train Green and Workforce Development programs.
- **December 2, 2025 - PSC Winter Ready 2025: Woodridge Library**
At the DC Public Service Commission's Winter Ready weatherization item giveaway, DCSEU staff shared information with Ward 5 residents at the Woodridge Library about DC Electrification Rebates, the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), Solar for All, Train Green, and the Workforce Development Program. DCSEU staff signed up attendees for our residential email newsletter. There were 123 registrants.
- **December 2, 2025 - 2025 Mitsubishi – Agents of Comfort Contractor Summit**
DCSEU Program Manager, Emmett Deitcher, attended the Mitsubishi Agents of Comfort Contractor Summit at the International Spy Museum to hear the latest strategic insights with HVAC comfort and network with industry manufacturers and contractors to bolster DCSEU program awareness.
- **December 2, 2025 - Electrify DC & Go Electric DMV: Virtual Coaching Session #1**
DCSEU Marketing and Communications Manager, Kalen Roach, presented virtually at the first Electrify DC virtual coaching session and shared information to residents about DC Electrification Rebates, the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), and Solar for All.

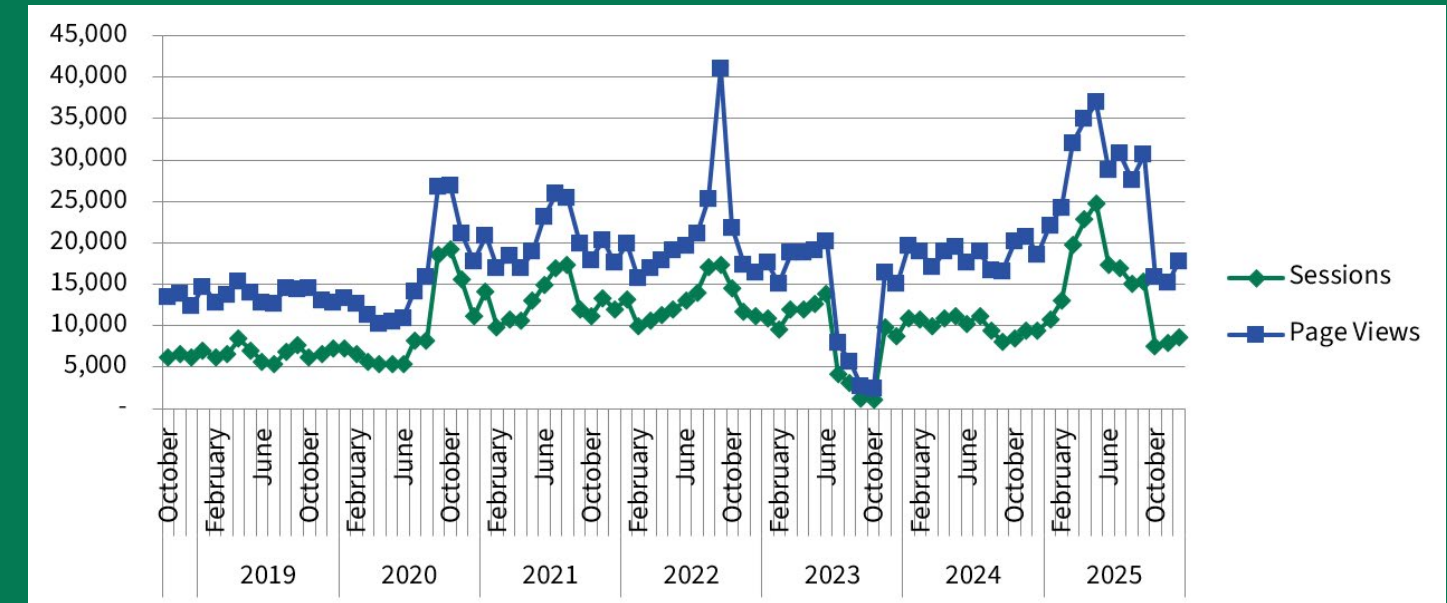
- **December 3, 2025 - PSC Winter Ready 2025: Benning/Dorothy I. Height Library**
At the DC Public Service Commission's Winter Ready weatherization item giveaway, DCSEU staff shared information with Ward 7 residents at the Benning/Dorothy I. Height Library about DC Electrification Rebates, the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), Solar for All, Train Green, and the Workforce Development Program. DCSEU staff signed up attendees for our residential email newsletter. There were 127 registrants.
- **December 3, 2025 - The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) Energy Policy Symposium: Powering Forward: Innovation, Leadership & the Future of National Energy Security**
DCSEU Director of Account Management and Workforce Development, Crystal McDonald, and Director of Marketing and Communications, Jahmai Sharp, attended the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) Energy Policy Symposium at the MLK Jr. Memorial Library to connect with energy leaders, innovators, and professionals to learn and shape the future of energy security.
- **December 3, 2025 - 2025 John A. Wilson Building Holiday Reception**
DCSEU Managing Director, Ben Burdick, attended that annual holiday reception at the John A. Wilson Building to connect and network with policy makers and District government stakeholders.
- **December 9, 2025 - PSC Winter Ready 2025: Shepherd Park/Juanita E. Thornton Library**
At the DC Public Service Commission's Winter Ready weatherization item giveaway, DCSEU staff shared information with Ward 4 residents at the Shepherd Park/Juanita E. Thornton Library about DC Electrification Rebates, the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), Solar for All, Train Green, and the Workforce Development Program. DCSEU staff signed up attendees for our residential email newsletter. There were 109 registrants.
- **December 10, 2025 - Bisnow 2025 National DICE Data Center Management, Operations & Cooling – EAST**
DCSEU Senior Engineering Manager, Nikola Jovic, attended the Bisnow Data Center Management

event at the Hyatt Regency Reston to learn how data centers are changing the regional energy consumption landscape for utilities. Also to better understand how data center operations leaders are addressing rapid technology changes, risk mitigation, and sourcing reliable power amid grid constraints and market competition.

- **December 11, 2025 - PSC Winter Ready 2025: Anacostia Library**
At the DC Public Service Commission's Winter Ready weatherization item giveaway, DCSEU staff shared information with Ward 8 residents at the Anacostia Library about DC Electrification Rebates, the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), Solar for All, Train Green, and the Workforce Development Program. DCSEU staff signed up attendees for our residential email newsletter. There were 104 registrants.
- **December 16, 2025 - FY 2026 IQEF Customer Info Session**
The DCSEU hosted the Income Qualified Efficiency Fund (IQEF) Customer Info Session to share information with qualified operators of multifamily properties, shelters, or clinics about how to apply for IQEF for FY 2026. Contractors were also invited to learn how to apply as new or returning DCSEU subcontractors. The session had 80 registrants and 58 attendees.
- **December 16, 2025 - Housing & Holiday Mixer 2025**
DCSEU staff attended the annual *Housing & Holiday Mixer* to network with members of the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers.
- **December 17, 2025 - Mayor Bowser's 27th Senior Holiday Celebration**
At the DC Department of Aging and Community Living's (DACL) annual senior holiday celebration, DCSEU staff gave away backpacks and shared information with District seniors at the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center in Ward 8 about DC Electrification Rebates, the Affordable Home Electrification Program (AHEP), Solar for All, Train Green, and the Workforce Development Program. DCSEU staff signed up attendees for our residential email newsletter.

Activity supporting DCSEU initiatives

Figure 1. DCSEU website traffic, including sessions and page views, by month, from FY 2019 to December 31, 2025.



Q1 Sessions:
23,536 Sessions



Q1 Page Views:
48,781 Views



LinkedIn:
2,660 Followers



Instagram:
984 Followers



Facebook:
1,103 Followers



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1,915 Followers

Table 3. DCSEU initiatives, by sector

Core area	Initiative name	Description	Customer
Residential	Efficient Products	Mail-in and online rebates for qualifying energy-efficient appliances, HVAC equipment, smart thermostats, and electric lawn equipment; enhanced rebates through DC Electrification Rebates	DC residents
	Affordable Homes Electrification Program (formerly HVAC Replacement program)	Replace fossil-fuel heating, water heating systems, and appliances for income-qualified residents with efficient electric heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, induction stoves, and heat pump clothes dryers at no cost to residents. Combined with Solar for All program.	Income-qualified DC residents
Low-income multifamily	Low-Income Multifamily Comprehensive	Custom technical and financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements for multifamily properties.	Property owners/managers of multifamily buildings, shelters, and clinics serving income-qualified DC residents
	Income Qualified Efficiency Fund	Custom technical and financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements in multifamily and other qualifying properties working with DCSEU-qualified contractors.	Property owners/managers of multifamily buildings, shelters, and clinics serving income-qualified DC residents
	Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator	Custom technical and financial assistance to owners for energy efficiency improvement of qualifying multifamily buildings that do not meet the District's Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) working with the DC Green Bank and DCSEU-qualified auditors, contractors, and performance testers.	Property owners of multifamily buildings serving income-qualified DC residents that do not meet BEPS

Core area	Initiative name	Description	Customer
Renewable energy	Commercial and Low-Income Solar	Incentives and financing to install solar PV systems offered as part of the C&I Custom program. (Only for existing projects; no new projects will receive incentives.)	Commercial business owners and owners of income-qualifying properties
Commercial and institutional	Business Energy Rebates	Rebates for energy-efficient lighting, heating, refrigeration, cooking, leaf blowers, and other qualifying equipment; includes enhanced rebate amounts for businesses with facilities under 10,000 sq. ft.	Business owners
	Commercial Direct Services	Direct installation of energy efficiency measures at primarily small and medium commercial facilities	Business owners
	Instant Business Rebates	Discounted energy-efficient lighting through participating distributors	Business owners
	Commercial and Institutional Custom	Technical assistance, account management, and financial incentives for energy efficiency projects	Large commercial and institutional customers
	Pay for Performance (part of Custom program)	Technical assistance, account management, and incentives for energy efficiency projects. Measures energy savings using pre- and post-project metered data rather than calculation estimates. Allows incentives for behavioral, operational, and complex mixed-measure projects.	Large commercial and institutional energy users; qualified vendors

Solar for All

Below are updates from the first quarter for the Community Renewable Energy Facility (CREF) program team:

- The team supported the deployment of over \$800,000 in incentives for CREF project progress, and worked with installers to ensure that all CREFs awarded reached at least the second milestone of the program (fully permitted, Authorization to Install (ATI), all equipment procured, etc.) by the end of the first quarter with a majority of CREFs reaching the third program milestone (Temporary Pending Final Inspection) by 12/31/25.

Below are updates from the first quarter for the Single-Family program team:

- The DCSEU team completed 14 rollover projects from FY 2025, totaling over \$128,000 in incentives. 3 additional projects remain for completions.
- The team issued public notices for the single-family program noting funding limitations and an indefinite waitlist for FY 2026.

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