



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
(RFI)**

**Oxon Run Community Solar Facility: Solar Revolving Loan Fund and
Site Operations and Maintenance**

Introduction

The DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to solicit input from interested parties on what DOEE should consider regarding (1) seeding, structuring, and operating a revolving loan fund to deploy capital for solar projects; and (2) operating, maintaining, and optimizing solar assets of a community renewable energy facility in the District of Columbia.

Background

DOEE's mission is to improve the quality of life for District residents by protecting the environment, expanding access to clean energy, and building a sustainable future. As required by the Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022, DOEE is advancing its Clean Energy DC 2.0 Plan — a roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 60% from 2006 levels by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2045.

Increasing solar deployment is a cornerstone of this strategy. Distributed solar generation deployed at or close to the point of use — particularly in low-to-moderate income (LMI) and environmental justice communities — enables equitable access to clean energy benefits, strengthens grid resilience, and reduces energy burden for those who need it most.

To scale distributed solar meaningfully, DOEE must mobilize both capital and operational expertise. This RFI seeks to understand the market landscape of institutions and organizations prepared to finance and maintain solar facilities across the District.

Purpose

This Request for Information (RFI) seeks responses on two distinct topics:

1. Financing

DOEE is seeking insights on the interest, capacity, and expertise to partner in establishing and administering a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) seeded by SREC revenue. Under this model, SREC

proceeds generated by the Oxon Run community solar facility are used to capitalize a fund that continuously recycles capital into new solar projects — reducing dependence on appropriations over time and creating a self-sustaining pipeline of clean energy investment that prioritizes low-to-moderate income (LMI) residents.

DOEE seeks to understand how financial institutions can structure, co-invest in, and administer such a fund. Specifically, DOEE seeks to:

- Understand how financing institutions would structure an RLF capitalized by SREC revenue, including fund governance, eligible uses of capital, loan terms, interest rate structures, and reinvestment mechanisms
- Gauge interest in serving as fund administrator, trustee, lending partner, or credit enhancer for a District-sponsored RLF, and understanding what relevant experience respondents bring to this role
- Identify what additional capital — including debt, equity, tax credit financing, or philanthropic funds — could be layered onto SREC seed capital to increase the RLF's deployment capacity and reach
- Assess how the RLF can be structured to ensure Solar for All commitments are met, with direct or indirect benefits flowing to residents at or below 80% AMI
- Identify legal, regulatory, or market barriers to establishing an SREC-seeded RLF in the District, and propose structures or partnerships that could address them

2. Operations & Maintenance

DOEE is seeking insights from experienced O&M providers and others with knowledge about managing a large community solar facility in the District. Specifically, DOEE seeks to:

- Understand the types of solar O&M services available, including monitoring, preventive maintenance, performance optimization, and emergency response
- Identify O&M providers with experience serving community-scale solar
- Gauge interest in long-term O&M service agreements tied to community solar facilities serving LMI communities
- Understand pricing structures and contract models
- Identify workforce development or local hiring commitments O&M providers can offer in alignment with District equity priorities

Information Requested

Responses should also address the questions listed under each audience category.

Financing Questions

1. How should DOEE structure an RLF seeded by SREC revenue from the Oxon Run facility? Describe your recommended governance model, target market, eligible loan uses, loan terms, fee structure, and reinvestment triggers.
2. What are the current market gaps and how should DOEE structure an RLF to address them?
3. What elements should be in place to enable RLF debt to be sold on the secondary market or securitized?
4. What additional capital sources — debt, equity, tax credits, philanthropic, or federal programs — could be layered onto SREC seed capital to increase the RLF's scale and reach?

5. How should DOEE structure the RLF to ensure Solar for All commitments are met, with direct or indirect benefits flowing to residents at or below 80% AMI? What safeguards or reporting mechanisms should DOEE put in place?
6. What legal, regulatory, or market barriers do you anticipate in establishing an SREC-seeded RLF in the District, and how would you propose addressing them?
7. What would you suggest as minimum fund size or transaction threshold to make administration of this RLF financially viable?
8. What would you suggest to effectively partner with other relevant programs and/or entities to deepen lending offerings?

O&M Questions

1. What would you suggest as a minimum asset size or contract value for a standalone O&M agreement to be financially viable for your organization?
2. Describe a reasonable approach to performance optimization and how an O&M contractor should handle underperformance or equipment failure. What response time commitments should be offered for emergency situations?
3. What experience should DOEE seek in serving LMI communities or operating assets in environmental justice neighborhoods to advance equity objectives?
4. What are reasonable local hiring, workforce development, or apprenticeship commitments that DOEE should seek as part of an O&M contract in the District?
5. What contract structures or risk-sharing arrangements should DOEE consider under a long-term O&M agreement (10+ years)? What risk mitigation measure would you suggest? What size reserve account would you suggest?

Potential Respondents

DOEE encourages responses from any organization with relevant information or expertise regarding financing or operating community solar renewable energy facilities. DOEE especially seeks insights from:

Financing Institutions

- Commercial banks and credit unions with clean energy or community development lending programs
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) focused on clean energy or affordable housing
- Green banks and environmental finance authorities
- Impact investors, ESG funds, and mission-aligned private equity or venture capital

Operations & Maintenance Organizations

- Solar O&M contractors with urban and community-scale project experience
- Renewable energy developers with in-house asset management and O&M capabilities
- Energy services companies (ESCOs) offering performance-based O&M contracts
- Nonprofit or mission-driven O&M providers with experience in affordable housing or public facilities
- Organizations offering workforce development, local hiring, or apprenticeship programs as part of O&M services

Other parties

- Renewable energy, affordable housing developers or other potential primary users of the loan fund
- Think tanks, universities, or national labs that have studied one or both topics
- States, local governments, and others who have designed or implemented similar programs
- Utilities and other partners with insights or experience

Submissions

For questions about this RFI or to submit a response, please contact DOEE at 2026OxonRunRFI@dc.gov. Please respond by June 1, 2026. DOEE appreciates your input.

Post-Submission Process

DOEE may invite Respondents to provide additional information to better understand the information provided in the submittal. DOEE may also request meetings with Respondents for clarifications or further insights. Respondents have no obligation to meet or provide further info.

This RFI is for information gathering purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or obligation on the part of DOEE to provide funding or financing.