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## Inflation Reduction Act Delivers More than \$156 Million in Solar for All Funds for Arizona

Phoenix, AZ – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that Arizona was awarded \$156,120,000 in funding through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's Solar For All program. This is in addition to funds awarded to several Tribal entities in Arizona. The competition, created by President Biden's landmark Inflation Reduction Act, seeks to enable low-income and disadvantaged households across America to access the benefits of low-cost, clean solar energy—benefits that include home energy savings, energy resilience, improved air quality, wealth building, and quality jobs.

Arizona was one of 50 <u>states and territories</u> that applied for funding through the program. A complete list of recipients of Solar For All awards can be found <u>here</u>.

"Arizona is particularly positioned to deliver more for our communities on clean energy," said Sandy Bahr, director for Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter. "This grant funding can help us do that and assist our state with taking full advantage of our 300 days of sunshine, and deliver utility bill savings to those with low incomes and those who are disproportionately harmed by climate change. Being in the bullseye of climate change, it is also critical that Arizona is on the forefront of actions. Thanks to the funding through the Inflation Reduction Act and the work of the Governor's Office of Resiliency, we will be able to deliver more solar for Arizona communities that need it the most."

The climate law authorized \$7 billion in funding for the program, but by last year's deadline for applications, EPA had received requests totaling more than \$38 billion.

"Now we need utilities such as Salt River Project and also the Arizona Corporation Commission to remove barriers to distributed solar energy and to help make it more accessible to all Arizonans," said Bahr.