

# Idaho Needs Community Solar!

Not everyone owns a home or can afford to put solar panels on their roof.

**Community solar** is a way to let **EVERYONE** benefit from local solar power. Solar panels are put on a community building and the power is shared across the neighborhood!

## Benefits of Community Solar

- Reduce energy bills
- Create local jobs
- More democratic control
- Build community wealth
- Increase power reliability
- Improve public health



## Where Can Community Solar Projects Be Located?

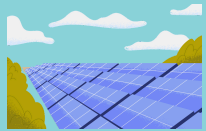
The possibilities are endless! A few examples include:



Community Buildings  
(schools, churches, stores)



Parking Lots



Brownfields

## Community solar improves solar access for:

- Renters
- Low-income households
- Folks w/ unsuitable rooftops



## Who Owns The Solar Array?

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofits
- Local Govts



# How Does Community Solar Work?



The community comes together to put solar panels on a local building.

Energy from the panels flows through the existing power grid to bring clean energy to the whole community.



Residents can subscribe to the solar panels and receive credits on their energy bill for the energy the panels produce.

Excess funds from the system can be reinvested into the community!



## Do We Have This In Idaho?

**No**, there are no *equitable* community solar projects in Idaho that center low-income folks and local ownership.

Idaho utilities currently **don't allow** *non-utility-owned* community solar. They want to own everything to maximize their profits.



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