



## Checklist for equitable community solar:

- ✓ Democratically owned
- ✓ Democratically controlled
- ✓ Low-income access prioritized
- ✓ Installed by local workers
- ✓ Located in the community

**Equitable community solar** helps us achieve **energy democracy**: freedom from **centralized, profit-driven, dirty** energy!



## Do we have this in Idaho?

**No.** Idaho utilities currently **don't allow non-utility-owned community solar** —and they want to keep it that way.

When they **own everything**, they maximize their **profits**.



## Get Involved & Take Action!

### What can we do?

- Demand that **utilities create programs for non-utility-owned** community solar projects
- Encourage local leaders to pursue **equitable projects** using abundant federal funds
- **Spread the word**—another world is possible!

### Join Our Energy Justice Team!

*Statewide Team | Monthly Virtual Meetings*

Help make local clean energy ownership more accessible to all!

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# Idaho Needs COMMUNITY SOLAR!

Learn more about **equitable community solar** and how you can help us achieve it in Idaho!



## What is community solar?

**Community solar** allows residents to subscribe to, co-own, and benefit from a solar project in their community.

### rooftop solar



### community solar



**Community solar improves access for:**

Renters



Low-income households



Folks w/ unsuitable rooftops



## What are the benefits of community solar?



- Reduce power bills
- Create local green jobs
- Provide more democratic control
- Build community wealth
- Increase power & grid reliability
- Improve public health

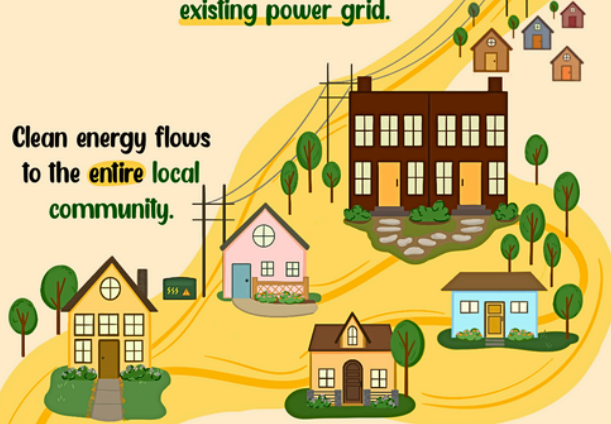
## How does community solar work?

The community comes together to put solar panels on a neighborhood building, like a school, church, or library.



Energy from the panels is sold to the utility and is sent through the existing power grid.

Clean energy flows to the entire local community.



Local residents can subscribe to the solar panel system and receive credits on their power bill for the energy that the panels produce.



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

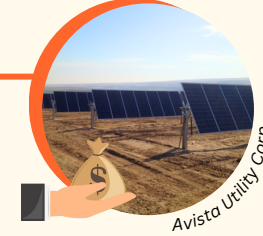


## Are some project owners more equitable than others?



- Shareholder profit-driven
- Located far from communities
- Not accessible to low-income folks

### CORPORATE UTILITY



Avista Utility Corp

### SOLAR COMPANY



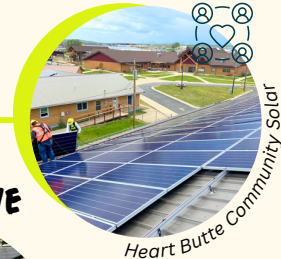
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### LOCAL GOV.



Washington D.C. Solar For All Program

### NONPROFIT & TRIBE



Heart Butte Community Solar

### COOPERATIVE



People Powered Solar Co-op



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