

**Request For Proposals**  
**Illinois Community-Driven Community Solar Program**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



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The Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development (KCAP) is a 501(c)6 non-profit serving the greater Knox County Area in West-Central Illinois. The organization supports the development of solar projects in Knox County and is seeking qualified companies to submit applications through the newly-created Community-Driven Community Solar program as created by the Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2021.

KCAP is a founding partner of the Southside Task Force in conjunction with many other excellent community organizations and individual volunteers. We believe that the Southside of Galesburg is ideal for community solar projects. This area has been identified by the state of Illinois as a “Disproportionately Impacted Area” (DIA) and also as a “R3” area in the CEJA legislation.

KCAP is issuing a request for proposals for Community-Driven Community-Solar projects for the area generally located south of Main St. within the City Limits of Galesburg. Please see the R3 eligibility map below:

## **R3 RESTORE. REINVEST. RENEW.**

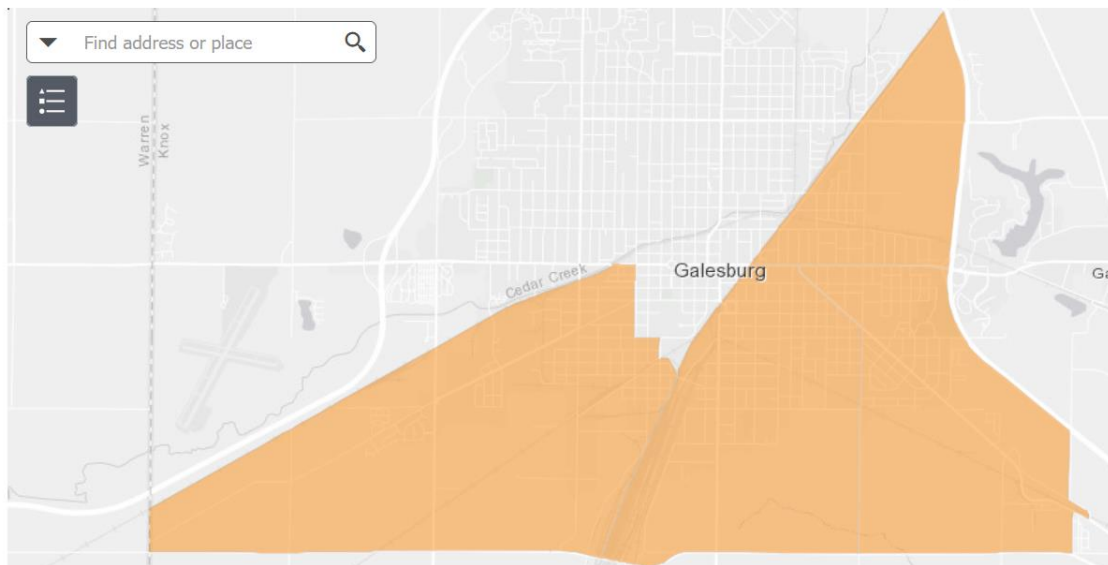
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\* indicates high need R3 zone



### **Timeline:**

Proposals will be due at the end of day on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Completed proposals can be submitted via email to Ken Springer at [ken@knoxpartnership.com](mailto:ken@knoxpartnership.com). Project selection will be made on or before April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

The selected project will receive the full support of the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development and our assistance with an application to the Community-Driven Community Solar application process.

### **Project Evaluation:**

Respondents should include the following information in their proposal:

1. Background on the company
  - a. Overview of company and qualifications

- b. History of work in Knox County and History of work in Illinois
  - c. References
  - d. Proof of approved vendor through the Illinois Adjustable Block Program
  - e. Experience in financing of similar projects
- 2. Proposed Project Details
  - a. System location
  - b. System size
  - c. Subscription plan
  - d. How the project will meet the timeline to be eligible for the 1<sup>st</sup> block of REC awards under CEJA or the 2<sup>nd</sup> block in the fall of 2022
- 3. Narrative of how your project meets the objectives of the Community-Driven Community Solar program, specifically:
  - a. Community ownership or community wealth-building
  - b. Additional direct and indirect community benefit, beyond project participation as a subscriber, including, but not limited to, economic, environmental, social, cultural, and physical benefits.
  - c. Meaningful involvement in project organization and development by community members or nonprofit organizations or public entities located in or serving the community
  - d. Engagement in project operations and management by nonprofit organizations, public entities, or community members
- 4. How the project will employ local labor for construction and coordination with job training programs