



## Community Solar Program – Progress Briefing

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### Program Momentum

- The **Community Solar Program** continues to gain traction across the state, with multiple projects advancing toward completion.
- **Updated utility project trackers** now provide clearer timelines and enable improved progress monitoring and reporting.
- **Subscriber enrollment** efforts remain active — aim to have projects fully subscribed prior to going live to ensure strong project economics.



### Recent Milestone – Community Impact



- On **September 30**, Affordable Solar’s “**Cuidando Los Niños**” project celebrated its **ribbon cutting**, marking the **first project to go live** under the Community Solar Program.
- Utilities report that **10 additional projects** are expected to be energized in **Q4 2025**, signaling accelerating program momentum and community benefit delivery.

### Looking Ahead – Continued Success

- Several more projects are projected to **come online by December 2025**, generating tangible program outcomes in Q4.
- Energized projects will provide new subscription data, including:
  - % of total energy (MWh) attributed to **low-income customers**
  - % of total **program capacity subscribed** statewide
- Increased public engagement has led to **higher inquiry volumes** — outreach and consumer protection remain a focus to maintain trust and program legitimacy.



### Low-Income Education & Outreach

- Program Administrator **InClima** subcontracted with **Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico (CSCNM)** to expand low-income education and outreach.
- CSCNM’s *train-the-trainer* model equips local organizations and municipalities to educate their constituencies about community solar.
- InClima is collaborating with the **New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA)** and **National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)** to implement NREL’s *Clean Energy Connector Tool*, enabling LIHEAP participants to be contacted by community solar providers for subscription opportunities.

### Key Takeaways

- The Community Solar Program is in the beginning stages to show **real progress and measurable community benefits**.
- **Expanded data transparency** and **ongoing stakeholder collaboration** are strengthening program accountability.
- With multiple projects nearing energization, **2025 marks a pivotal year** for expanding access to clean, affordable energy across the state.