



Fact Sheet | Puerto Rico Energy Resilience Fund

In December 2022, President Biden signed the Fiscal Year 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act into law, which included \$1 billion for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to establish the [Puerto Rico Energy Resilience Fund](#) (PR-ERF) to improve the resilience of Puerto Rico's electric grid, with a focus on the Island's most vulnerable households.

Entities Selected to Deploy Residential Rooftop Solar and Battery Storage in Puerto Rico

On November 2, 2023, DOE's [Grid Deployment Office](#) (GDO) announced its first round of selectees from DOE's first tranche of funding from its \$450 million [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (FOA) to begin negotiations to support residential solar photovoltaic (PV) and battery storage installations. Through this funding, DOE's investment will incentivize the installation of approximately 30,000–40,000 residential systems. Beneficiaries of the installed systems will include very low-income, single-family households that are either:

- Located in areas that have a high percentage of very low-income households and experience frequent and prolonged power outages; or
- Include a resident with an energy-dependent disability, such as an electric wheelchair user or individual who uses at-home dialysis machines.

Solar Companies Selected for Negotiations - \$400 million

Three qualified solar companies with an existing workforce in Puerto Rico, **Generac Power Systems Inc.**, **Sunnova Energy Corporation**, and **Sunrun Inc.**, will now enter award negotiations with DOE. Pending successful negotiations and demonstrated successful project performance, a total of \$400 million may be awarded across all three companies to deploy residential solar systems to vulnerable Puerto Rican households.

Nonprofits and Cooperatives Selected for Negotiations - \$40 million

Five qualified local nonprofits and cooperatives will now enter award negotiations with DOE: **Barrio Eléctrico**, **Comunidad Solar Toro Negro, Inc.**, **Environmental Defense Fund**, **Let's Share the Sun Foundation**, and **Solar United Neighbors, Inc.** Pending successful negotiations and demonstrated successful project performance, these five organizations may be awarded up to \$40 million total to deploy residential solar systems to vulnerable households across Puerto Rico.

Next Steps

Selectees that successfully complete award negotiations and receive an award will move to a planning phase, in which they will develop a detailed deployment plan to execute their projects. If GDO determines that these plans align with the deployment goals of the FOA, awardees will receive funding and approval to begin installations of rooftop solar and storage for vulnerable households by Spring 2024. Selectees for the PR-ERF's [Solar Ambassador Prize](#) as well as the FOA's remaining funds (up to \$10 million that may be awarded for beneficiary education, training, and consumer protection) will be announced by the end of 2023.