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Dear Homeowner:

I'm writing to you because you have a housing loan with the County of Tuolumne First Time Homebuyer or Housing Rehabilitation Program and could be eligible for a low or no cost solar photovoltaic system for your home. The County of Tuolumne is partnering with GRID Alternatives, a nonprofit organization that provides solar photovoltaic systems for qualified lower-income homeowners. We are jointly raising funds to install such systems on some of the homes assisted through the County's housing programs. We want to help homeowners save money on monthly utility bills and improve the environment.

Attached is a flyer from GRID Alternatives which provides more information about their work.

In order to participate in the program, your household income would need to be at or below the income level shown on the hand-out. Your home would also need to be "solar panel friendly". For example, your roof is in good condition, has adequate room for solar panels, is structurally strong enough to support the weight of solar panels, has adequate sunshine (trees away from the home), etc. Your electrical panel also needs to be able to accommodate the wiring necessary for solar panels. If you have a homeowner's association, they would have to allow solar panels.

We are compiling an interest list of households that would like to be considered for solar panels and think that your household and home might meet the qualifications above. You don't need to verify that you qualify at this point. We just want to know whether or not you might be interested.

We will contact those on the interest list as funding becomes available.

If you are interested in the solar panel program, please fill out and return the attached **Interest List** sheet to me at sshanahan@co.tuolumne.ca.us, or fax (209) 533-5616 or mail to County of Tuolumne CRA Housing Division, 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at (209) 533-6904.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Shanahan
Housing Program Coordinator

County of Tuolumne Housing Program Interest List for Solar Panels

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you the homeowner? Yes ___ No ___

Is this your primary residence? Yes ___ No ___

What is your estimated annual household gross income? _____

How many people reside in the home? _____

What year was your home built? _____

How old is your roof? _____

What type of roof do you have? _____

Is your home manufactured? Yes ___ No ___

Do you have any shading on our home? Yes ___ No ___

How old is your electrical panel? _____

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Thank you for your interest!



Solar Affordable Housing Program

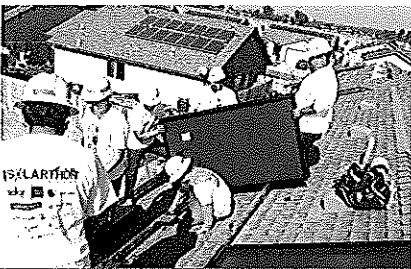
About GRID Alternatives

GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit organization that makes renewable energy technology and training accessible to underserved communities. We bring together community partners, volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency for low-income families, providing energy cost savings, valuable hands-on experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all.

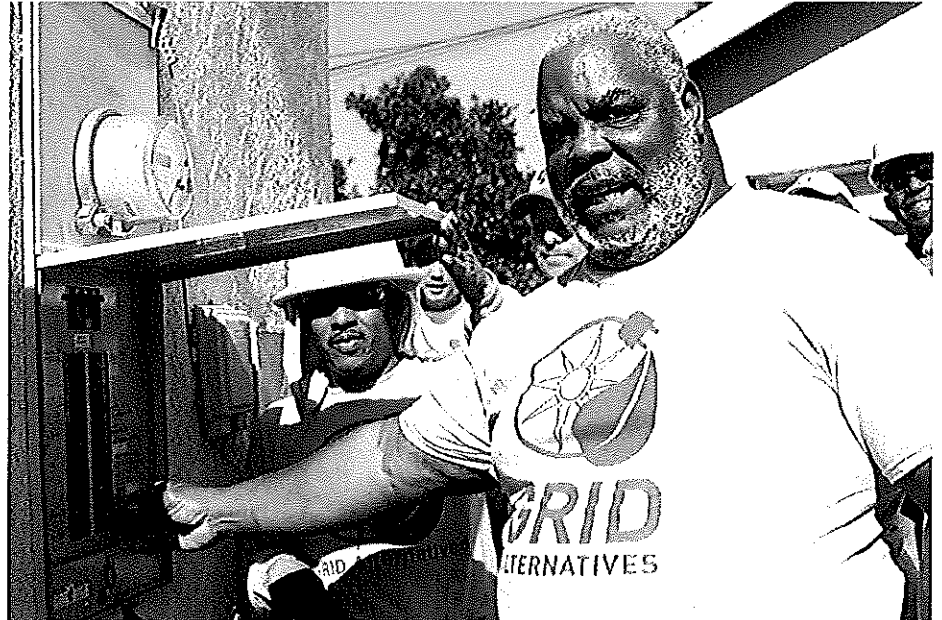
Who We Serve

GRID Alternatives' vision is a transition to clean, renewable energy that includes everyone. Low-income communities bear a disproportionate burden of environmental degradation and pay the highest percentage of their income on energy bills, yet have the least access to technologies like solar that produce clean power and reduce monthly costs.

GRID Alternatives' Solar Affordable Housing Program provides low-income families a long-term solution to high energy bills and source of clean, local power, while giving local workers experience that translates into jobs.



Volunteers install solar for residents living in Self-help housing division Madera CA



We partner with affordable housing organizations, job training groups, government agencies, municipalities and local communities to make solar a win for everyone.

Where We Work

GRID Alternatives was started in California in 2004. We have 10 offices in states, including California, Colorado, and Washington DC.

The Central Valley Office opened in July 2009 and covers 12 counties in the Central Valley region.

Impacts

18 MW

Clean, renewable power installed.

\$135 million

Lifetime savings for 5300 low-income families.

21,000

Volunteers trained in solar.

420,000 tons

Greenhouse gas emissions prevented over the systems' lifetimes.



Become a Client!

At GRID Alternatives, we believe that everyone should have access to clean and affordable electricity. Through our Solar Affordable Housing program, we install money-saving solar electric systems for qualifying low-income homeowners at little or no cost to the homeowners themselves.

Solar power has multiple benefits for families living with low or fixed incomes. In addition to saving you money every month on electricity bills and protecting you from rising electricity prices, rooftop solar is a clean energy source that contributes to cleaner air for all our communities. It is also a reliable technology that requires little maintenance and lasts 25 years or more.

Program Services

GRID Alternatives provides solar electric systems for qualifying homeowners, including:

- Energy efficiency education
- Rebate paperwork including permits, utility interconnection.
- Design and installation of the system.
- Supervision and training of volunteers before and during the installation.
- 20-year guarantee, including maintenance and performance monitoring.
- Renewable energy and solar equipment education.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$37,200
2	\$42,500
3	\$47,800
4	\$53,100
5	\$57,350
6	\$61,600
7	\$65,850
8	\$70,100

2015 HUD Income Limits for Tuolumne County

Program Benefits

- Safe, clean energy from the Sun.
- Long-term energy cost savings.
- Hands-on installation experience for volunteers, job trainees, and clients.

Eligibility Requirements

- You must own and live in your home.
- Your roof must be suitable for a solar electric system.
- Your total household income must be at or below 80% of the county's median income.
- Participated in a First Time Homebuyer or Rehab Program through your city or county.

How much will I Save?

Solar Systems size and bill savings are based on your current monthly electric bill and your usage over the past 12 months. We also look at how much space is on your roof and other construction factors. Your solar system will be sized to cover up to 75 percent or more of your electric bill.

GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit organization and a licensed electrical and solar contractor, CA license number 867533.

Contact Us Today! - Start saving from the sun and call one of our Outreach Coordinators at (559) 261-4743.