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## How to Apply for Community Solar with GRID and SMPA

1. Complete the following application packet. For your convenience, a description of each form is included below.
  - a. Solar Affordable Housing Program Application - Fill in all of your contact information, list all of the permanent residents in your household in the Household Income Information box, and **sign the second page**. Including your demographic information is optional, but highly encouraged.
  - b. Exemption from Filing Federal Income Tax Return - List every person in the home, including children and adults, who did not file taxes in the previous year and why. If all household members filed taxes and have submitted tax returns to GRID with this application, you do not need to fill out this form.
  - c. Information Release and Statement of Consent - This form authorizes us to share basic contact information and account information with your electric utility for the purposes of determining qualification and acceptance into the program.
  - d. Application Questionnaire - This form helps us learn a little more information about you, your home, and your interest in solar. We collect this information to better serve the families and households in our program. The questions on the back of this form are optional, but highly encouraged.
2. Collect the following documents:
  - a. A recent electric bill.
  - b. The 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ form from each adult household member's most recently filed Federal Income Tax Return. For adult household members who are not legally required to file federal tax returns, but who did earn some income in the previous year, please collect your yearly Social Security statement, pension statement, W-2, or other proof of income. Please contact GRID directly if you have any questions or issues documenting your income.
3. Return your completed application packet and the documents listed above to us by mail, fax, or email as soon as possible. Our address, fax number, and email address are listed at the top of this page.

### **If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!**

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## Solar Affordable Housing Program Application

**Instructions:** Complete this application, including review and acceptance of the Declarations and Agreements, and submission of all requested documents. If you have any questions, please call GRID Alternatives at the number listed above.

<b>Applicant Contact Information</b>				
First Name	Last Name	MI		
Street Address				
City	State	Zip Code	Email	
Mailing Address (if different)			Mailing City	Mailing Zip Code
Home Phone	Business Phone		Mobile/Cell	

<b>Household Income Information</b> <i>(List all residents who claim the property as their primary residence. Attach separate page if more than five household members.)</i>	
<i>Name (First, Last)</i>	<i>Gross Annual Income (most recent available)</i>
Primary Applicant - Household Member #1:	\$
Household Member #2:	\$
Household Member #3:	\$
Household Member #4:	\$
Household Member #5:	\$
<i>Total Household Income</i>	\$

<b>Demographic Information (This section is <i>optional</i>)</b>					
<b>Ethnicity:</b> White      Latino/a      Asian      Black/African American      Native American					
Other (list) _____					
<b>Gender:</b>		<b>Senior (65 or older):</b>		<b>Disabled:</b>	
Female	Male	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Veteran?</b>					
Yes      No					

<b>Required Documents/Information:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A copy of the most recent available Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) for each adult member of the household. For adult household members that are not legally required to file federal tax returns, but did earn income, please submit yearly Social Security statement, W-2, or other proof of income.</li> <li>2. All household members that are not legally required to file federal tax returns, whether they earned income or not, must be listed on the enclosed "Exemption from Filing Federal Income Tax Return" form.</li> <li>3. A copy of your most recent electricity bill.</li> <li>4. Application for the Colorado Energy Office Weatherization Assistance Program (if applicable).</li> </ol>

**Declarations and Agreements:**

By participating in the Solar Affordable Housing Program, I understand that:

1. Filling out this application does not guarantee participation in the Solar Affordable Housing Program, and GRID Alternatives has the right to deny my participation in the program.
2. I am aware that by participating in this program, I understand that I will receive solar credits from a community solar array that is not on my property to offset a portion of my electricity usage. I understand that a small payment for participating in this program may appear on my utility bill. I also understand that I will be expected to contribute to the program and my community by completing volunteer hours. I understand friends and family can contribute on my behalf.
3. I understand that previous participation in an approved weatherization program is a requirement to enroll in this solar program, and that program participation will be verified.
4. I understand that my name and contact information may be shared with other organizations that provide relevant home repair, energy efficiency and social services. My full application information may also be shared with relevant program administrators if required by local, state, or federal grant administrators or other funders relevant to the project.
5. I must provide all required documents and signatures.
6. I will need to fill out additional required forms and legal documents related to my project.
7. I and other members of my household are encouraged to work on the relevant GRID Alternatives solar project and/or other GRID Alternatives' program activities.
8. Trained volunteers, under the supervision of professionally licensed contractors, will provide the labor for the solar electric system installation.
9. The solar electric system, if installed, will not provide electricity when the utility company is not able to supply power (i.e. during a blackout).
10. I grant GRID Alternatives permission to access my electricity usage history from my electric utility provider in order to calculate the appropriate size of my solar production credit.
11. The solar electric system, if installed, may reduce my electricity bills, but will not eliminate them completely.
12. I understand that my electric provider will receive my contact and account information in order to give final approval of my acceptance into the Solar Affordable Housing Program, if and when it is accepted by GRID Alternatives.

**I certify that:**

13. I am not in the process of selling my house and/or currently planning on moving from my utility's service area.
14. The property listed on this application is my primary residence, and I receive and pay my own electric bill at that address.

**Indemnification:** To the greatest extent permitted by applicable law, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless GRID Alternatives, its affiliates, subsidiaries, current and future parent companies, officers, managers, directors, agents, and employees from all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses, and liability (legal, contractual, or otherwise), which arise from or are in any way connected with any: (1) decision, action, or inaction by GRID Alternatives regarding my participation or non-participation in the Solar Affordable Housing Program; (2) violation of local, state, or federal common law, statute, or regulation, including but not limited to environmental laws or regulations; or (3) strict liability imposed by any common law, statute or regulation; so long as such conduct, violation, or strict liability (as set forth in (1) - (3) above) arises from or is in any way connected with the Solar Affordable Housing Program, including my or any third party's performance or failure to perform with respect to the Solar Affordable Housing Program, however caused, regardless of any negligence of the GRID Alternatives, their officers, managers, or employees, excepting only such loss, damage, or liability that is caused by the willful misconduct of GRID Alternatives, its officers, managers, or employees.

**Limitation of Liability:** Without limiting the foregoing indemnification, GRID Alternatives shall not be liable to me or any of my respective contractors or subcontractors for any special, incidental, indirect or consequential damages whatsoever, including, without limitation, loss of profits or commitments, whether in contract, warranty, indemnity, tort (including negligence), strict liability or otherwise arising from GRID Alternatives performance or nonperformance of its obligations as manager of the Solar Affordable Housing Program.

**I declare under the penalty of perjury that the information in this form and the supporting documentation submitted herewith is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signature (Applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Exemption from Filing Federal Income Tax Return

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I or a member of my household is exempt from filing a Federal Income Tax Return for the following reason(s):

Household Member Name	Detailed Explanation for federal tax filing exemption

Signature (Primary Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please list all dependents that live in the house and explain why they do not need to file federal income tax. (Common reasons could be “my child is under age; he or she does not work.”)



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## Information Release and Statement of Consent

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize GRID Alternatives to share my information with San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) for the expressed purpose of my qualification to receive solar power from the Solar Farm. This information will be limited to only include pertinent content needed for program acceptance.

Furthermore, I authorize SMPA to receive this information as it relates to my Solar Affordable Housing Program Application, and to provide relevant information back to GRID Alternatives as it relates to this solar program.

I hereby give my permission to a duly authorized representative of GRID Alternatives to supply information to SMPA regarding the status of my application.

This authorization does not authorize GRID Alternatives or SMPA to enter into any agreement or create any obligation on my behalf.

Printed Name (Primary Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SMPA Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Primary Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Application Questionnaire

First Name:		Last Name:	
How did you first hear about GRID Alternatives?			
Do you own or rent your home? <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent		Move in Date:	Approx. Square Footage:
Household Residents: How many people live in your home? _____ Number of children _____ Number of adults _____			
Type of Building: <input type="checkbox"/> Framed, Single Family <input type="checkbox"/> Condo <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex  <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile/Manufactured Home <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Primary Heat Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Weatherization/Energy Efficiency: Have you had any weatherization services done on your home?      If so, who completed this work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> EcoAction Partners <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Resources of Western Colorado <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Myself/family member/friend <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Brief explanation of work completed (Optional): <hr/> <hr/>			



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### Questionnaire Continued (optional)

*The following questions are optional. We are interested in learning more about you so that we can serve you better. Your choice to complete or not to complete these questions as well as the content of any answers provided will have no bearing on the status of your application and your participation in the Solar Affordable Housing program. Any information you provide may be shared in reports to our funders or in other GRID Alternatives communications.*

Why are you interested in using solar energy at your home?

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Have you tried to get solar before? What was your experience like?

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Tell us a little bit about yourself and your family.

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Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?

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You can drop these documents off at:

Your local SMPA office or Eco Action Partners (970-728-1340)

Or email them to:

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Once we have your complete application, we will process it and get back to you within 2-4 weeks. Thanks again for your interest in Community Solar with GRID Alternatives!