



**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY  
NY RISING COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
SOLAR POWER AND BATTERY BACK-UP PILOT PROGRAM**

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) announces this Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program to provide for the development and implementation of the Solar Power and Battery Back-up Pilot Program, in the following NYRCR Communities:

- Canarsie NYRCR Community;
- Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay NYRCR Community;
- Southern Brooklyn Peninsula NYRCR Community, which includes the neighborhoods of Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach, and Sea Gate;
- Bergen Beach, Georgetown, Marine Park, Mill Basin, and Mill Island NYRCR Community;
- Gravesend and Bensonhurst NYRCR Community; and
- Idlewild Watershed NYRCR Communities, which includes the neighborhoods of Brookeville, Rosedale, and Springfield Gardens

The NYRCR final plans for each of the above communities are available online at:

<http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/final-plans>

The Solar Power and Battery Back-up Pilot Program would provide funding for the design and construction of solar panel and battery back-up systems at selected nonprofit facilities within the NYRCR Communities listed above.

Community facilities were heavily impacted by Superstorm Sandy, and damages to buildings endangered the health and lives of vulnerable populations. Power loss was especially detrimental; buildings which lost power were unable to operate elevators, provide heat and hot water, activate other critical systems, and slowed overall response and recovery. As a result, Committees in the aforementioned NYRCR Communities allotted Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to projects that would provide sustainable power to community facilities which serve vulnerable populations. Vulnerable populations is defined as, but not limited to: individuals with physical or mental disabilities, limited mobility, or limited or no English proficiency; individuals who are homeless or near homeless; households with young children or elderly residents; and households of very low, low, or moderate income.

Solar powered systems with battery back-up afford the power needed for a nonprofit and its facility to continue services and support to its customers in the event of grid disruption. Also, by maintaining the ability to provide services on site, facilities would not need to evacuate residents and customers to another location. Additionally, facilities with sustainable back-up power maintain the ability to provide power and services to the surrounding community, which so many did during the days following Superstorm Sandy.

GOSR strongly encourages interested respondents to check the Notice of Funding Availability webpage (<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/doing-business-with-gosr/nofas>), to view the Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for the Solar Power and Battery Back-up Pilot Program.

**Submission Instructions:**

Responses to the RFEI must be filed electronically in Portable Document Format (.pdf), compatible with Adobe Reader XI, version 11.0.4, and must be delivered by email no later than Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm (EST). The respondent is responsible for ensuring that emails and attachments are delivered on time and in a legible format.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted by e-mail to:

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E-mail Subject Title: ***Solar Power and Battery Back-up Pilot Program — Submission of Request for Expressions of Interest***

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