

SASH – FACT SHEET

Solar Incentives for Qualifying Single-Family Homes 2018

What is the Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program?

The SASH program provides qualified low-income homeowners with fixed, up front incentives to help offset the upfront cost of purchasing a solar electric (photovoltaic) system. The SASH program offers one incentive level of \$3 per watt.

In 2013, Assembly Bill 217 (Bradford) extended the California Solar Initiative (CSI) low-income programs by \$108 million, for a total authorized budget of about \$162 million.

Key Program Details

The overall goals of the SASH program are to:

- Decrease overall electricity usage through solar installation and reduce energy bills without increasing monthly expenses for single-family homeowners
- Provide full and partial incentives for solar systems for low-income participants
- Offer access to solar power and energy efficiency to homeowners
- Decrease the expense of solar ownership with a higher incentive than the General CSI Program
- Develop energy solutions that are environmentally and economically sustainable
- Provide job training and employment opportunities in the solar energy and energy efficiency sectors of the economy

Program milestones include (as of January 2018):

- A total of 7,619 solar photovoltaic systems have been installed and interconnected
- In total these projects have received approximately \$111 million in incentives and represent over 22 MW of solar capacity
- The SASH program has referred over 7,100 low-income homeowners to the utilities' Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) programs and has trained over 28,000 volunteers

