



CSI Solar Thermal – FACT SHEET

Thermal Low-Income Program

2018

What Is the California Solar Initiative (CSI)-Thermal Low-Income Program?

The CSI-Thermal Low-Income Program provides rebates to utility customers who install solar water heating systems that displace natural gas powered water heaters.

Key Program Details

The actual incentive amounts the CSI-Thermal Low-Income Program distributes is based on the expected performance of the solar water heating system as predicted by the Solar Rating & Certification Corporation (SRCC) rating and positioning. Incentive levels will decline in four steps as the program meets certain installation benchmarks. Single-family homeowners who install solar water heating systems can qualify for an incentives up to \$5,397. Multifamily building applicants can qualify for an incentive of up to \$800,000.

CSI Thermal Single-Family Incentive Levels		
Step	Single-Family Incentive per Therm Displaced	Low-Income Single-Family Cap
1	\$36.90	\$5,397
2	\$32.42	\$4,741
3	\$21.35	\$3,122
4	\$10.28	\$1,503

CSI Thermal Multifamily Incentive Levels		
Step	Multifamily Incentive per Therm Displaced	Low-Income Single-Family Cap
1	\$24,.89	\$800,000
2	\$21.86	\$800,000
3	\$14.85	\$800,000
4	\$7.83	\$800,000

In total, \$65.6 million has been authorized for the CSI-Thermal low-income program. As of December 2017, 2,063 low-income systems were installed.

