Community Solar Success
Accessible Solutions from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Community Solar Allows you to meet Customer Demand for Local Solar Power Through a Collaboratively-Funded System.

Customized Services and Support from BEF are Scalable and Affordable.

Meet BEF, Leaders in Community Solar
When you work with BEF, you receive expert insights from a provider who understands the public power relationship with your customers and/or members.

BEF’s experience extends back to the very first two Community Solar projects in the nation. BEF is a trusted utility partner, employing staff with management experience from both utilities and solar developers.

BEF Brings Community Solar to You
BEF guides consumer-owned utilities through an organized, yet customizable process:

- Site analysis
- Financial modeling
- Program design
- RFP development
- Contractor selection
- System monitoring
- Community education
- Grant writing assistance

Why BEF?
We know your utility is a valued pillar of your community, and a community solar project is one way to show it. BEF is uniquely qualified to assist you by offering:

- The experience from partnering with 22 consumer-owned utilities across 5 states to implement Community Solar
- Cost-effective solutions, providing customer value while protecting non-participating customers
- A neutral third-party consultant from a mission driven non-profit

Build Community Support
BEF’s award winning Solar 4R Schools program empowers educators to integrate the latest renewable energy content into STEM programming. We provide professional training, teacher-generated lesson plans, interactive science kit materials and access to live solar energy data to bring renewable energy topics to life. Learn more at Solar4RSchools.org.
WHAT COMMUNITY SOLAR CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY

At BEF, we’re proud of the accomplishments our partners have achieved, and to have contributed to their success. Here’s what they have to say about working with us.

“We connected with BEF as we planned our first community solar project and this alliance has turned out to be a huge blessing. They were extremely helpful in many areas such as planning, budgeting, and assisting with the RFP process.

In addition, the funding that we received was crucial in reducing our costs such that our project was viable and affordable to our members.

They have been awesome to work with and, in fact, I have pointed many of my colleagues in the region to BEF as well. I can’t say enough good things!”

Ross Holter, Director of Energy and Member Services, Flathead Electric Cooperative

“BEF has been a valuable partner for PNGC Power as we’ve looked to develop a utility-scale solar project in one of our member service territories.

From the initial meeting all the way through today, BEF has been extremely responsive, positive, and has provided PNGC with valuable outside expertise we otherwise wouldn’t have access to.

We have recommended BEF as a partner to many other cooperatives looking to develop renewable energy projects around the region…”

Greg Mendonca, VP of Power Supply, PNGC Power

“BEF has been instrumental in the success of Clark Public Utilities’ Community Solar initiative. From initial program design consultation to site analysis, system design, project bid development, and contractor evaluation, BEF has provided valuable experience and expertise throughout the process.

BEF’s involvement has made implementation of the project much smoother and easier than it would have been without their support.”

Larry Blaufus, Senior Manager of Large Industrial/Conservation Planning, Clark Public Utilities

Ready to Explore Community Solar?

Request a Free Consultation Today
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