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Bay Area Initiatives: Community Solar

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What is Community Solar?

- *The Institute for Local Self-Reliance defines community solar as a solar PV project with multiple individual owners living in geographic proximity to the solar project, and sharing the costs and benefits of ownership of the solar project.*
- In practice, community solar has evolved to cover collective action to finance, purchase, manage, and generate solar power, locally. Community solar projects have an emphasis on local engagement, local leadership and control and the local community benefiting collectively from the outcomes.
- Examples of different types of community solar efforts include: community-shared solar; community-owned solar; and investing/crowd-funding community-based solar energy.
- These efforts are usually developed under the following models: special purpose entity, utility-sponsored, or non-profit.