



Minimum HELPS PV Applicant and Project Requirements

Eligible Applicant	The Applicant must be a residential electricity end user and customer of record in good standing within the South Hadley Light Department (SHELD) service territory that receives residential conservation services through the Home Energy Loss Prevention Service (HELPS).
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Except as set forth below, the Applicant must also be the future owner of the PV project and consumer of the electricity generated by the proposed PV project.

For PV projects attached to a building or structure, the Applicant must be the sole owner of that building or structure or be authorized by the owner(s) to make the necessary modifications to the building to install the proposed PV project.

Two exceptions:

- For new construction or major renovation projects, the real estate developer can be the Applicant whether they intend to own or sell the building or structure where the PV project will be located.

A building owner that also will be the owner of the PV project can be the Applicant where a tenant is responsible for the electricity bill.

PV Project Location and Building Type	The PV project must be located within a Massachusetts municipal light department service territory and said light department is a participant in the Home Energy Loss Prevention Service (HELPS). The participating light department has also elected to provide rebate funds to their customers of record through the auspices of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, which provides the HELPS program. The building or facility utilizing the power generated by the PV project must be grid-connected. All types of facilities and buildings are eligible.
Residential Status	To qualify for residential status, the Applicant must reside in a single up to four unit structure and have a residential electricity account.

Exceptions to residential status are:

Residential property developers installing PV systems on new home construction developments or new multi-unit, greater than four unit residential construction.

Minimum Project Size	The minimum project size per application is 1 kW. The minimum project size of a PV project expansion is also 1 kW.
One-Time Expansion	<p>Rebate Recipients may apply for a one-time expansion to each individual PV project for a total of two applications per electric utility meter subject to all other caps and conditions.</p> <p>Residential project expansion rebates will be capped based upon the combined capacity and/or rebate total (existing + expansion) in place at the time of the expansion application. For this solicitation, the residential caps are a rebate based upon a maximum system size of 10 kW, or a total rebate of \$5,000, whichever is less.</p>
Behind the Meter and 50% Onsite Usage Requirement	The PV project must be a “behind-the-meter” project. In other words, the interconnection of the PV must be on the Applicant’s side of the utility billing meter, and the majority of the electricity generated by the PV system must

	be used on-site as measured on an annual basis. The Applicant must demonstrate that 50% or more of the renewable energy produced by the renewable system funded by HELPS will be used at the Applicant's facility based on annual production and usage estimates. Therefore, the behind-the-meter electricity consumption must be greater than or equal to 50% of the estimated annual production of the renewable system. All applications for retrofits must demonstrate 50% behind-the-meter usage with existing energy bills. New construction or major renovation projects may use energy modeling estimates to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.
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NOTICES:

Rebates **MUST** be **PRE-APPROVED** prior to the solar installation!

Solar photovoltaic installations require a licensed electrician.

HELPS PV rebates are not available for "do-it-yourself" projects. This program is only available for installations completed by professional, licensed electrical contractors.

Installers cannot offer a Power Service Agreement (PSA) or a lease based upon the generation output of the installed system to customers of municipal light departments.

Major Components must be UL Approved.