



Sustainable Development Fund Solar Photovoltaics Grant Program

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The SDF Solar PV Grant Program is No Longer Accepting New Applications

Effective December 31, 2005, the Sustainable Development Fund's Solar PV Grant Program will no longer be accepting new applications for PV installations. The program will continue to fund the applications it has already approved and it will continue to process those applications in hand, but it will not be accepting additional new applications that are either received or post-marked after December 31, 2005.

The reason for this action is that the Solar PV Grant Program is not able to fund additional new systems at this time. On September 13, 2003, SDF posted a notice on its website stating that the program was nearing the end of its initial \$4 million allocation of funding. The applications that have been submitted since that notice are more than sufficient for the remaining dollars. We therefore see no reason to continue to accept new applications until we have secured additional funding.

SDF will continue to operate key components of the Solar PV Grant Program:

- The program will continue to process payments for the applications that have been approved. Dollars have been reserved in the budget for full payment of all approved applications.
- The program will continue to process the applications it already has in hand. Our efforts announced on September 13, 2005 have helped to identify the active applications and to ensure our dollars are being reserved for projects that will be installed. We will continue to work through the queue of unapproved applications and approve as many of them as we can within the program budget. Please note that unless the SDF Solar PV Grant Program has formally approved a PV system application in writing, there is no guarantee that the PV system will receive any funding from the program.
- We will continue to maintain the list of Participating Contractors so homeowners and businesses will know where to find a quality solar contractor.
- We will continue to update the solar information pages on the website. Look for new pages soon about the new 30% federal tax credit that is available for both residential and commercial taxpayers for PV. These tax changes make PV more affordable, especially for commercial taxpayers.

SDF staff continues to work to identify additional funding for the Solar PV Grant Program budget, but as of now we have no new funding in hand. If you would like to be kept posted about the funding situation, please visit the program web site (www.SDFsolar.com) and sign up to receive program updates.

Please feel free to call the Program Administrator at 215.635.0900 if you have any questions about these program changes.

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