

# RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES



Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

## Non-Residential Energy Solutions Program

The Non-residential Renewable Energy Solutions (NRES) Program is designed to help businesses reduce their electricity bills by offsetting the cost of the electricity you buy from your utility company with the energy you generate with non-residential solar or other Connecticut Class I renewable technologies. Launched in 2022, the NRES Program is a successor program to the Low Emission Renewable Energy Credit and Zero Emission Renewable Energy Credit (LREC/ZREC) and Virtual Net Metering (VNM) programs.

In June 2021, PURA issued a final decision that established the program objectives to foster the sustained, orderly development of the state's Class I renewable energy industry and to encourage participation by customers in underserved and environmental justice communities, among others. The program is statutorily authorized to run for six (6) years and to select up to 110 MW of clean energy annually.

The NRES Program is administered by the electric distribution companies. For more information, contact [ctcommrenewables@eversource.com](mailto:ctcommrenewables@eversource.com) or [NRES@uinet.com](mailto:NRES@uinet.com), depending on your service provider.

## Energy Storage Solutions

Energy Storage Solutions (ESS) is a statewide incentive program designed to help commercial and industrial customers install energy storage. Installing a battery can help lower your building's peak demand, reduce energy costs and provide backup power when the electricity goes out. This program is designed to be affordable, with upfront and performance-based incentives that make purchasing a battery system achievable. Battery storage offers resiliency that allows for peace of mind that your business or facility will stay up and running during outages, and unlike generators, batteries are cleaner and quieter option.

With the goal of deploying 580 MW of electric storage by 2030, this program is already helping small businesses, industrial manufacturers, and critical infrastructure facilities, become more secure in the face of our changing climate.

For more information on participation and incentives, visit [energystoragect.com](http://energystoragect.com).

## Innovative Energy Solutions

This program is a statewide initiative to identify, pilot, and scale innovative ideas that enable a decarbonized, affordable, and equitable electric grid in Connecticut.

The IES Program presents an exciting opportunity for third-party innovators and technology developers to establish collaborative partnerships with Connecticut's two investor-owned electric distribution companies (EDCs) and play an active role in enabling Connecticut's decarbonized energy future. With a budget of up to \$5 million per project, the IES Program provides resources and support for the implementation of innovative projects over the course of a 12-to-18-month period. Projects that demonstrate benefits, cost-effectiveness, and scalability will have the opportunity to be deployed at scale in Connecticut.

To apply, visit <https://ct-ies.com/apply/>. Applications generally open in the beginning of the year.

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# Light-Duty EV Charging

The Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Program is a nine-year effort to support the statewide installation of EV charging infrastructure to meet the State's commitment to the multi-state zero emission vehicle Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for light-duty vehicles.

The EV Charging Program Decision details annual deployment targets from 2022 through 2030 and provides a combination of incentives for certain electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) for residential and commercial customers, as well as rate design offerings. The program includes charging incentives for direct current fast charging stations, managed charging options for at-home and on-the-go charging locations, and an EVSE leasing option for charging stations located at Multi-Unit Dwellings.

PURA established higher incentives for charging stations located in underserved communities in both rural and urban areas of the state. The incentives play a crucial role in offsetting the costs associated with chargers and grid connection infrastructure. The Authority has also directed utilities to offer a charger leasing option for landlords to install EV chargers without requiring upfront costs.

More information and resources on the EV Charging Program are available at PURA's webpage, Eversource's commercial program webpage, UI's commercial program webpage, and EVConnecticut's webpage on vehicle and charging incentives.

## EV Charging Program EVSE and Make-Ready Incentives

	Residential Single-Family (Level 2)	Multi-Unit Dwellings (Level 2)	Public Destination (Level 2)	Workplace (Level 2)	DCFC
	Incentive Structure				
EVSE and Make-Ready Incentives	Up to \$500 EVSE rebate + a portion of necessary electrical upgrades <sup>14</sup>	Up to 50% of EVSE cost + Up to 100% make-ready installation (≥ 2 ports)	Up to 50% of EVSE cost + Up to 100% make-ready installation (≥ 4 ports)	Up to 50% of EVSE cost + Up to 100% make-ready installation (≥ 2 ports)	Up to 50% of EVSE cost + Up to 100% make-ready installation (≥ 2 ports)
	Max. Incentive per Site (including make-ready costs covered by the Program)				
Baseline	-		\$20,000		\$150,000
Underserved Communities	-		\$40,000		\$250,000

## Economic Development Rate Rider

In May 2024, PURA approved The United Illuminating Company's implementation plan for an Economic Development Rate Rider. This is an incentive program that seeks to promote the retention and expansion of businesses within a utility's service area. Once this program is implemented, qualifying businesses can receive a discount on standard rates.

# Stakeholder Compensation Program

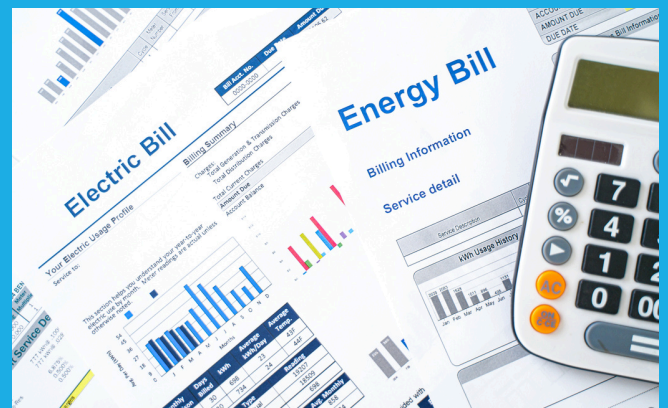
The Stakeholder Group Compensation Program makes funds available to small business customers and environmental justice community or hardship customers. Stakeholder groups participating in PURA proceedings opened on or after January 3, 2024 are eligible to apply for compensation through the program. In each calendar year, compensation is limited to \$100,000 for each stakeholder group in a proceeding, \$300,000 for all groups in a proceeding, and \$1,200,000 total for all groups in all proceedings. Compensation is available for reasonable attorneys’ fees, expert witness fees, and other costs for preparation and participation in Authority proceedings.

Stakeholder groups applying for funding must follow the application process outlined on PURA’s website, where the first step is to file a Notice of Intent to Apply.

# Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging

PURA is currently investigating strategies to optimize the integration of medium- and heavy-duty electric vehicles, and transit buses in particular, into the grid, including potential rate design and infrastructure solutions.

This is an ongoing proceeding. There are several ways that the public can participate in a docket. See our public participation webpage for more information.



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