

Community-Based Renewable Energy

Community-Based Renewable Energy, or community solar, provides a way for participating subscribers without privately-owned rooftop solar to benefit from electricity generated by a renewable energy facility located in their community.

The Next Phase: 'Solar without a Roof'

Customers who don't own a own roof can still save money on their monthly electric bills by joining community solar. Community solar is a hybrid: owned or leased by customers who don't or can't have solar, often because they are renters or live in apartment buildings, but sized and sited like a grid-scale solar facility.

Important Roles



Subscriber

A residential or commercial electric customer who participates, by lease or purchase, in a community solar project and gets monthly bill credits to offset their electricity use.



Subscriber Organization

Company, organization or group of people who own, develop or operate a community solar project.



Administration

Hawaiian Electric administers community solar on O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui, Lāna'i, and Hawai'i Island, supervised by the Public Utilities Commission.

