

EnergySmart Solar IQ Grant Application Statement of Need

Dear Applicant,

The EnergySmart Solar IQ grant application Statement of Need is your opportunity to convey to the selection committee why you feel that you'd be a great candidate for receiving this incentive to help you put a solar photovoltaic system on your rooftop. Funds are limited and demand is expected to be high for this popular Boulder County grant. It is important to explain, in detail, reasons to why receiving these funds are critical in moving forward with your solar PV project. Your Statement of Need will help the selection committee understand your need and the impact the solar project will have on you and your household. EnergySmart has intentionally left the format to you on how you "make the case" for why your household should be awarded a solar IQ grant, but it should be noted that some of the criteria that the committee will be looking at are:

- ✓ Has the applicant demonstrated a clear need for these funds, and if they do receive a solar IQ award are they committed to going forward with the solar project within the timeframe specified?
- ✓ What percent of a household's income currently goes to paying their utility bills?
- ✓ Has the applicant demonstrated interest and have they invested in the energy efficiency attributes and/or the solar PV potential of their home?
 - Examples might include; received an energy assessment/audit, upgraded their home's insulation levels, made Do-It-Yourself improvements such as air sealing, or received a bid from an established solar PV contractor.
- ✓ If a bid(s) for a solar PV system has been received, what is the cost of the system and how much electricity will be offset by this renewable energy source?
- ✓ In addition to the solar grant, what other sources of funding will be used to pay for the solar system?

Note; the criteria above is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather are examples of the factors to be considered by the Selection Committee.

Please limit your narrative to 1 page. If you have any questions about this Statement of Need, please contact your EnergySmart energy advisor at 303.544.1000 or Boulder County's EnergySmart Program Manager, Dave Hatchimonji at 720.564.2721 or email: dhatchimonji@bouldercounty.org