



Community Solar:



Helping You and Your Community At The Same Time

Community solar projects allow you to own solar panels on government property and earn state production incentives at twice the rate you would earn with panels on your own home. You can help yourself (up to \$5000 per year) and your community at the same time!

Walla Walla's 4 community solar installations – at the Regional Airport, the WW SeaTech Skills Center, Blue Mountain Station and the Waste Water Treatment Plant -- are all nick-named WW-FREE for Walla Walla Flat Roof Educational Energy. We are the only state community solar project devoted entirely to charity. The project also serves these basic purposes:

1. **Lower Taxes Through Environmental Efficiency:** Energy generated on public buildings is energy which doesn't have to be bought with public dollars.
2. **Affordable College Education for Area Children:** Participants can donate to scholarship endowments, and receive enhanced federal tax advantages in the process. Let us show you how!
3. **A Richer Economy Here in Walla Walla:** We enrich our community by investing and keeping money locally that otherwise would flow out of our area; and advertising our commitment to sustainability, aesthetics, innovation and technology!
4. **Supporting Job Training:** We support and engage in education and training in tomorrow's energy and building technologies.



How Things Work

The simplest way to say it is that you buy and own the solar electric equipment just like you would for your own home – but we'll do all the work for you and it'll be on a community site instead. We'll order it, process the payments, install it, and file for the yearly state incentive monies (and send it to you!) for no additional cost. You can learn more about it at our web site ww-free.com.

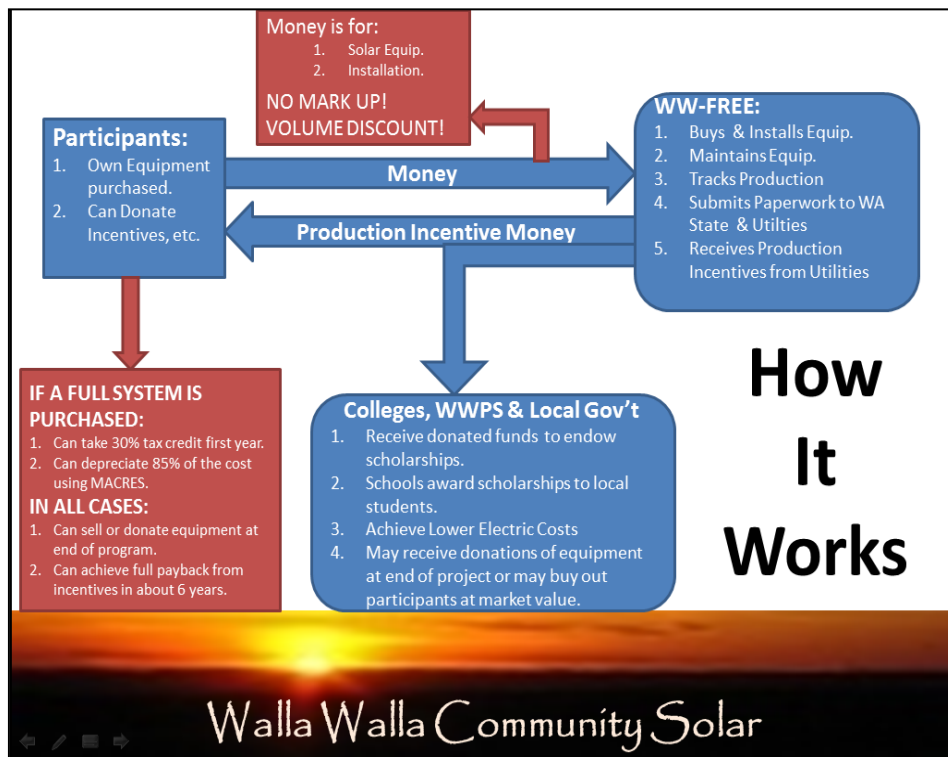
Committed to:

Walla Walla's Beauty and Environment
Lower Local Tax Burdens
A Stronger Local Economy
Affordable College Education and Job Training

Participants can choose from partial participation from \$250 up to full at approximately \$20,000 (to receive the maximum state production incentive of \$5000). Participants can benefit from:

- **Federal tax benefits** such as the 30% business investment tax credit
- **Accelerated depreciation.**
- **Additional tax benefits from charitable donations** involved with the project such as donation of the fair market value of the equipment at the end of the project and any production incentives donated to scholarships. The project also multiplies the value of the donation. Donated state production incentives to the scholarship endowments can amount to over 130% of the value of the initial contribution within the next 8 years.

The Details



The operation of our community solar project is illustrated at left. Participants provide money which is used solely for the purchase of solar electric equipment held in their name and installed on local government property. All participants are eligible to receive Washington state production incentives (\$1.08 for every kW-h of electricity produced with their equipment). The IRS considers these incentives cost reductions and not taxable income. Incentive payments are distributed once each year by WW-FREE in cooperation with the utility.

Please don't take our word for it! As a matter of fact, we're not even allowed to guarantee the sun will shine, let alone the tax code. Look at our site, talk to the members of our board, and consult your own tax expert or accountant. But know that being good for the environment can be good for your community, your economy, and for you!

Learn more at ww-free.com.

