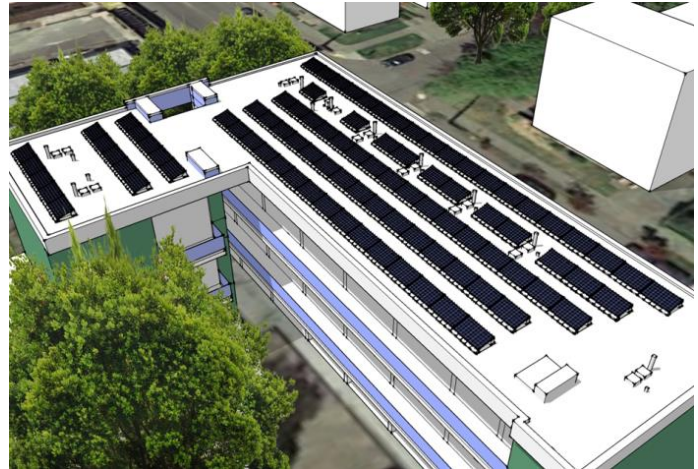




Community Solar

Creating Shared Renewable Energy

Many people can't afford to put solar on their own homes, or they don't have the roof space. Participants in our Community Solar program can affordably "buy in" to receive the benefits of solar via an solar systems built and maintained by Seattle City Light on the rooftop of the Holiday Apartments (1001 East John Street), one of Capitol Hill Housing's affordable housing properties.



Capitol Hill Housing (CHH) is working with Seattle City Light (SCL) to host the first community solar project on affordable housing in the State of Washington. SCL will provide the capital for the 2014 purchase and installation of a photovoltaic array and associated equipment and provide maintenance on those systems through June 2020. Capitol Hill Housing will host the arrays and help to solicit ratepayer participation in the program.

Participants in the community solar program will be reimbursed for their contribution from SCL via a credit on their utility bills through June 2020. In July 2020, full ownership and management of the systems will be transferred to CHH from SCL and the energy generated will help to reduce operating costs for the Holiday Apartments. Annual output for the system will be approximately 25,000 kWh.

Community Solar Program Goals

- Engage diverse Capitol Hill/City of Seattle participants in solar energy and promote energy conservation.
- Generate approximately 25,000 kWh/year of renewable energy /year.
- Support local green jobs and the regional renewable energy sector.
- Reduce the long-term operating costs of an affordable housing property.
- Test community interest in community solar and lay the foundation for bringing community solar to scale in the EcoDistrict.