

Technical Assistance Question & Response:

Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Eligibility

Question received (4/29/2020):

My name is XXXX, and I'm the senior management analyst for the City of XXX. We are curious to know what areas within the City meet the eligibility requirements of the SGIP program. We would like to have some back up solar-powered generators/battery storage systems for our City water plant, and possibly for other City buildings as well.

Response:

In the April 6, 2020 edition of the wEEkly, we published a piece entitled "[Major Energy Storage Incentives Authorized by CPUC Can Help Safeguard Those Most Vulnerable to Wildfire and Power Safety Shut-offs](#)," which helps explain recent expansions to the SGIP program that can support public facilities. These changes provide lucrative incentives for energy storage projects for low-income customers (Equity) and for projects that provide resiliency benefits to customers or communities facing risks of wildfire (Resiliency) in the state. Residential and non-residential customers can access different incentives rates if they meet "Equity" (\$0.85/Wh) or "Equity Resiliency" (\$1.00/Wh, up to 100% of battery costs) requirements. Government agency-owned facilities located in a Disadvantaged Community or low-income community may qualify as a non-residential customer.

Eligibility for the program is explained in several [program documents](#), including the [SGIP Program Handbook - 2020](#). See key language regarding non-residential customer eligibility requirements on page 34, which includes a list of eligible facility types.

The [SGIP Brochure for Non-Residential Customers](#) is another useful resource, which displays eligibility criteria for both "Equity" and "Equity Resiliency" incentives. In particular, I would recommend viewing the last page on "How Do I Get Started," which recommends connecting with a battery storage installer who will have to be registered with the SGIP program. They can help you determine eligibility of specific areas and facilities. The SGIP program provides a list of [Authorized SGIP Developers](#).

You may also reach out to your local SGIP Program Administrator to confirm eligibility:

- [Pacific Gas & Electric \(PG&E\)](#)
- [Center for Sustainable Energy \(CSE\)](#) (San Diego Area)
- [Southern California Edison \(SCE\)](#)
- [Southern California Gas Company \(SoCalGas\)](#)

