

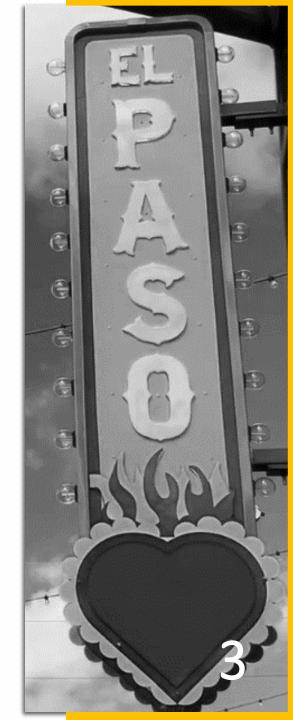


STRATEGIC PLAN

- GOAL 8: Nurture & Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community
- COAL 8.4: Develop and implement a comprehensive climate action plan aligned with identified community priorities and established strategic objectives focused on transportation, infrastructure, economy and equity

AGENDA

- 1. EPA Funding Overview
- 2. Scope of Work
- 3. Budget
- 4. Program
- 5. Next steps
- 6. Council Action



EPA Funding History

Texas Solar for All (SFA) Coalition:

- Formed to address energy inequities for low-income Texans
- Aims to reduce energy bills, close the solar equity gap, and create job opportunities
- Addresses energy insecurity and burden
- Harris County as the Lead, Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI) as subrecipient of Harris County.

EPA Grant Award:

- In July 2024, the EPA awarded the SFA Coalition a \$249.7 million grant under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)
- Funding supports solar and energy storage for low-income households
- The Coalition members under Harris County are sub-awardees.
- Consensus with the County for the City to implement the program



Scope of Work

Metric	Output
DAC Households served	440
Average annual bill savings per household	> \$300 /year
Workforce development outcome (# jobs, interns, etc.)	20 Trained interns
(Education & Outreach (# people)	1,500
New Solar Installed	1.54 MW
Residential Solar	1.54 MW
New Battery storage	NA
Estimated GHG* emissions avoided (and additional pollution benefits)	2150 tons CO2**
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Budget

Program Total

\$6,010,030

Financial Assistance \$4,555,549 Workforce Development \$435,752 Engagement/Outreach \$600,078

Program Administration \$418,651

Example uses:

 This funding is mostly for program implementation: installations, construction; grants out.

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- This funding is mostly, if not entirely pass-through:
 - expected to go to the community colleges in the area, wraparound service providers, CBOs doing entry level training/preapprenticeship programs, etc.

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- This funding is mostly, if not entirely pass-through:
 - including community groups in program design process
 - local marketing of marketing programs

Example uses:

- Staff time
- Supplies
- Benefits
- Overhead







Program

- **Who:** El Paso County and the City of El Paso reached a consensus for the City to take the lead as TEPRIs subrecipient to oversee the execution, implementation and management of the SFA program.
- Why: 440 households benefit from reduced energy; alignment with sustainability programs and community input. No match
- When: 5-year program
- Where: stakeholder group will be formed to review applications in both city limits and the County
- How:
 - COEP to sign sub-recipient agreement with TEPRI
 - 3rd party management entity
 - Local non-profits and academic institutions for outreach and workforce development





Next steps

- City of El Paso to finalize agreements TEPRI
- Finalize program design, capacity building, community engagement and workforce development strategies.
- Timelines: The program is set to launch in October 2025, with key milestones for solar installations, outreach, and workforce training.



YEARS 2,3 &4 Implementation and Monitoring Oct. 2025-Sept. 2028

Program Completion and Final Reporting Oct. 2028 – Aug 2029

YEAR 5



Council Action

Discussion and action that the City of El Paso City Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate a sub-award agreement with the Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI), a Harris County's sub-recipient, to implement the program in El Paso utilizing a \$6,010,030.00 sub-award, with no match required from the City, for the Solar for All program in El Paso

MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People