

Minnesota's new Community Solar Garden (CSG) Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Criteria

Subscribers qualify for higher bill credits when they are at or below 150% of their County's Area Median Income (AMI) for their household size.

Check your **household size** and **income** for **your county** by using: [2023 Area Median Income Look-Up Table](#) (you may be surprised on the range) Then send us **one of two documents** to prove your LMI status.

1) *A card, letter, statement, or other documentation to show you participate in one of the following:*

LIST OF FEDERAL, STATE, MUNICIPAL, OR UTILITY PROGRAM ADMINISTERED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT MAY BE USED TO SHOW ELIGIBILITY FOR LOW-INCOME ECO PROGRAMS

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- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
- Medicaid/Medical Assistance
- MinnesotaCare
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - 1 and 2 person households
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) (including Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8 Vouchers), Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/202/811, Public Housing, and Affordable Housing Programs for American Indians, Alaska Natives or Native Hawaiians)
- Lifeline (discounted phone and internet service)
- Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Head Start - only those meeting its income qualifying standard
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year - Documents must be from the student's school (college or university, community college, or career school) or the Department of Education and show the student has received a Pell Grant for the current award year.

Additional qualifying programs for persons living on a reservation:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - only those meeting its income qualifying standard
- Tribally administered Head Start - only those meeting its income qualifying standard
- Food Distribution program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR)

2) **A redacted copy of page one of your 1040 tax return. Everything redacted (including SSN) except:**

- 1) **Name** (should correlate to Xcel billing)
- 2) **Address** (should correlate to Xcel billing)
- 3) **Household size**
- 4) **Income**

FYI – the Department of Commerce is reviewing options to make this even easier, but in the meantime, this is the way to verify your LMI status.

Please see the Subscriber Organization Code of Conduct for additional information about the protection and security of customer information.