

# **GoGreen Business** *Clean Energy Generation & Storage*

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## **GoGreen Business Overview**

- Financing for energy efficiency and clean energy projects or equipment
- Credit enhanced private financing with improved rates and terms
- Serves **broad range** of businesses by size and industry
  - From mom & pop outfits to enterprises that meet SBA definition
  - Retail, food service, agriculture, offices, manufacturing, cannabis, etc.
- Open to **businesses and nonprofits** that **own or lease**
- Go Low Rates promotion: up to \$7,500 from GoGreen Business to buy down interest rates (launched April 2023; potential to run through 2026)











# Why use this program?

- Participating lenders offer prefunding and progress payments
- ✓ Rapid pay-outs
  - Program approval in ten business days, finance companies release funds quickly
- Fast project approval that a private finance company can provide
  - Initial credit approval within 48 hours
  - Program approval within 5 business days

Complementary to utility incentive programs

- ✓ Your customer wants to choose from various financing products
  - Traditional loans and equipment leases
  - Energy service agreements
- Your customer has a hard time qualifying for financing
  - Credit challenged, no borrowing history
  - Restaurants, houses of worship, cannabis growers
- ✓ Finance full installation with no capital outlay

No cost to participate for you or your customer

## Which businesses are eligible?

#### Utility customers who are:

- ✓ For-profit
  businesses
- Nonprofit organizations

#### Businesses that own or lease their space are eligible

- As long as they meet **one** of the following size requirements:
  - 100 or fewer employees, or
  - Annual revenues of less than \$16 million, or
  - Meet SBA small business size requirements for their industry







## New Feature: On-Bill Repayment

- GoGreen Business now has the option for customers to repay their financing agreement through their utility bill
- This option will soon be available across all four of California's Investor-Owned Utilities
- Customers are more likely to say yes to financing if they don't have to cut a check, and this can be treated as an operating expense











## **GoGreen Multifamily Overview**

- Financing for energy efficiency and clean energy projects or equipment
- In-unit and common area installations both qualify
- May use On-Bill Repayment if the property is master metered
- Market Rate and Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
  - Eligibility same as GoGreen Business requirements
  - Loss Reserve Contribution structure same as GoGreen Business
- Affordable Properties
  - Customer must have a recorded affordability deed restriction or covenant with at least 5 years remaining
  - Customer restricted to occupancy for at least 50% of the total units to households meeting the requirements of the income limits no greater than "moderate"
  - Not required to meet definitions of SMB
- If you are signed up for GoGreen Business, you can engage in MF installations







## New: Clean Energy Generation and Storage

# What can be financed through GoGreen Business?





- Examples: Efficient HVAC units, LED lighting, insulation, controls, energy recovery, VFD pumps and fans, ground-source heat pumps, energy management systems
- 2. All necessary work related to installation
  - Examples: code-required repairs, upgraded electrical panels, permits
- **3. Non-energy improvements** (can comprise up to 30% of total financed amount and still be eligible for full credit enhancement)
  - Examples: building repairs, remodel, wheelchair ramp, landscaping
- 4. New: Financing for clean energy measures like solar PV and battery storage



## What Can Be Financed

## At least 70%

#### Eligible Measures

- On the list of eligible measures
  - <u>GoGreen Business list</u> (or custom approach)
  - <u>GoGreen Multifamily list</u> (or custom approach)
- Total cost can include legally required costs to install the measures (permits, etc.) or practically necessary construction costs (installation, panel upgrades, enclosures or fire detection systems for batteries, roof upgrades for solar PV, etc.)

EEMs and other legally and practically necessary alterations

### Up to 30%

#### Additional Related Property Improvements

 Cabinets, fixtures, water efficiency measures, repairs, landscaping, ADA compliance etc.

Roof repairs qualify as practically necessary costs. If a complete roof replacement is required, it must be a cool roof installed by a <u>GoGreen</u> <u>Business</u> roofer

Additional

related

# GGB is expanding into clean energy generation and storage

We have recently expanded into financing for clean energy measures which reduce GHG

#### **Measures include:**

- Solar PV
- Stand-alone packaged solar/storage
  - E.g. street lights, pumps
- Solar Hot Water
- Battery Storage
- Microgrid Infrastructure
- Smart EV Charging
- Anerobic Digestion
- Power to Gas/Hydrogen Fuel Cells
- Wind Turbines











# A CEM or PE can certify large custom projects

A Professional Engineer (PE) or an Association of Energy Engineers Certified Energy Manager (CEM) can qualify projects to the program.

- A CEM or PE can certify that the installation of the measure will result in energy savings or a reduction in GHG emissions compared to existing conditions
- Can be part of your organization or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- This method is used to qualify non-lighting projects greater than \$350,000
- This method will also apply to clean energy installations such as generation and storage such microturbines, CHP, biomass, and thermal storage





# **Equipment Eligibility Requirements**



https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/solar-equipment-lists

- Lists of both solar PV and battery storage systems can be found on the California Energy Commission (CEC) website
- Only equipment that is specifically listed on the CEC website is eligible for grid interconnection
- Note that solar panels and battery storage must be installed together if qualifying via the Eligible Energy Measures list (up to \$350k)



### **Utility Requirements**

Currently, solar PV and battery storage measures are <u>only</u> available to customers who receive **electricity** from **PG&E**, **SDG&E or SCE**.







### **Documentation Requirements**

#### Our Contractor Manager, EGIA, may reach out to you as part of our QA/QC process

- Project documentation must be retained for a period of 18 months after installation
- Documentation you may be asked to provide includes:
  - ✓ Customer invoice
  - ✓ Permit information
  - ✓ CEM/PE calculations determining energy savings, generation, or GHG emissions reduction
- Additional required documentation for Solar PV/Battery Storage projects:
  - ✓ Proof of an Interconnection Application w/PG&E, SCE, or SDG&E
- EGIA may also work with you on photo or video verification of installation

## **Project Process and Next Steps**



# **Project Process**

**Borrower** submits credit application directly to **Lender** by applying online.

**Lender** and **Contractor** submit utility bill, financing terms, and install info to **GoGreen Business** for pre-approval.

After **GoGreen Business** issues pre-approval, **Lender** approves loan docs with **Borrower** and begins releasing pre-funding or progress payments to **Contractor**. **Contractor** pulls required permits and begins installation.

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 For Solar PV and/or Battery Storage EEM(s), Contractor submits Interconnection Application to utility.

Upon project completion, **Contractor Borrower,** and **Lender** certify the project to the program. **Lender** remits remaining payment to **Contractor** within 24 hours.

# **Next Steps**

#### If you are not already signed up:

- GoGreen Business: <u>Submit application</u> and <u>take training</u>
- GoGreenFinancing.com Contractor Page

If you are already signed up, update your contact info!

• We would like to represent which of our contractors are installing generation/storage, and which work on multifamily installations

#### Find a contractor for your upcoming business project

If you have a specific upgrade in mind for your business, nonprofit or market-rate multifamily property, a GoGreen Business contractor can help. Zip code

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Enter zip

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Search by name

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Types of upgrades

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Appliances
 Building Envelope

Water Heating
 Data Centers



# **Choosing a Lender**

ascentium	<b>\$20K - \$2M</b> Equipment finance agreements 12 - 60 months	Go ♥ Low Rapid credit approvals (within 2 hours up to \$350K) Reduced interest rates – as low as 0% Will extend terms to 72 months if needed for cash flow	When you want to get started on your project right away.
	<b>\$10K - \$5M</b> Equipment leases 12 - 120 months	12-month minimum time in business Cannabis grow operations may qualify Credit approval within 24 hours (up to \$300K)	New businesses looking to save energy.
financial solutions	<b>\$5K - \$5M</b> Equipment leases, service agreements, loans 12 - 84 months	Go ⊗ Low Reduced interest rates – as low as 0% Multiple financing mechanisms to meet your needs Will extend terms to 10 years if needed for project cash flow	Small projects (starting at \$5K) and when you need low monthly payments.
PRIME	<b>\$100K - \$5M</b> Equipment leases, loans 36 - 120 months	On-bill repayment option Cannabis industry customers may qualify Extended terms out to 10 years	Large projects and when you want affordable monthly payments.
Renew Energy	<b>\$250K - \$5M</b> Efficiency service agreements 60 - 120 months	Energy savings guaranteed to exceed payments — your project pays for itself On-bill repayment option Ongoing service and maintenance included	A major retrofit that will yield significant energy savings.
TRAVIS CREDIT UNION	<b>\$150K – \$350K</b> Loans 84 - 120 months	Low interest rate of a regulated depository Property owners and commercial real estate investors eligible Benefits of credit union membership	Customers in Northern California seeking the personalized service of a credit union.
VERDANT	<b>\$25K - \$5M</b> Equipment finance agreements, leases 12 - 84 months	Go ♥ Low On-bill repayment option Reduced interest rates – as low as 0% Rapid credit approvals (within 2 hours up to \$250K)	When you want the convenience of on-bill repayment and want to start your project right away.

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# New URL, Same Platform

The GoGreen Business online platform for project submission has a new URL:

gogreen-prod.appiancloud.com

- You will need to set up a new password
- Your existing projects will appear in your dashboard

Starting August 1st, this is the URL to submit projects to the program

<u>GoGreen Financing Contractor Liaison</u> <u>gogreen@egia.org</u> Phone: 888-987-3443

# **Thank You**

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