



Mission

Groundswell is a 501c3 nonprofit that builds community power through equitable community solar projects and resilience centers, clean energy programs that reduce energy burdens, and pioneering research initiatives that help light the way to clean energy futures for all.

Proposed Project

Throughout the course of the current year, Groundswell will partner with Sustainable Capital Advisors to develop, demonstrate, and disseminate a financial model that will leverage recent changes enacted by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that created a “direct pay” option for solar tax credits to deliver community ownership of nonprofit and community-based solar projects. Support from the Energizing Rural Communities Prize will ensure that Groundswell has the capacity to complete the development of the model and apply it to a community resilience hub in Will County, IL which will serve as our first community-owned rural project.

Groundswell and Sustainable Capital Advisors have a proven track record of collaboration to develop innovative financial models to support access to the benefits of clean energy in LMI and disadvantaged communities. Groundswell also has extensive experience developing community resilience hubs and working in rural communities through our energy efficiency programming. We are uniquely qualified to develop the model for community ownership needed to help finance nonprofit and community-based clean energy demonstration projects in rural or remote areas.

