# Round 3 Community Power Accelerator Phase 1 Narrative

# Team Name: (Team Name)

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| **Instructions** | | | | | |
| *You should answer each of the questions in the two areas listed below. The individual answers to the two areas do not have a word limit; however, the aggregate response to these two areas must not exceed 3,500 words, not including captions, images, figures/graphs, and references.*  *A word count must be included at the end of your submission (see template for details). You may also include up to five supporting images, figures, or graphs. The reviewers will score the questions based on the content you have provided.* | | | | | |
| 1. **Organization and Team**   Describeyour organization, past experience, and team, and how your team would benefit from participation in the Community Power Accelerator Prize. | | | | | |
| **Organization and Mission** | | | | | |
| **Describe your organization’s mission and goals and how they align with the overall prize goal of developing a (minimum) 1 MWAC distributed solar portfolio with the Five Meaningful Benefits.** |  | | | | |
| **Experience With Solar Development** | | | | | |
| **Below write the total number of solar projects, and their aggregated megawattage, that you have led or helped build.** | | | | | |
|  | | | | Total # | Aggregated MWAC |
| Number of solar projects whose development you have **led** and are completely installed and still in operation today (This does NOT include any of the projects you are proposing for this Prize) | | | |  |  |
| Solar projects whose development you have **supported** and are completely installed and still in operation today (This does NOT include any of the projects you are proposing for this Prize) | | | |  |  |
| List all the states in which these existing projects have been built | |  | | | |
| **Describe in greater detail your current level of experience as a solar developer and additional information on past projects you have led or supported. Alternatively, you can explain that you are new to solar development or that you are an established developer seeking to expand.** | | |  | | |
| **Provide information regarding any significant solar projects you have developed or helped develop to date that have been commissioned and are still in operation today, that are similar in nature to the ones you are proposing here.** | | |  | | |
| **If you have not developed any community or other renewable energy projects previously, include any relevant development experience that indicates your capacity to become a solar developer, and include potential examples (economic development, rehab, multifamily affordable housing, etc.).**  *Not having previous experience is not automatically a disqualifier. However, it is strongly recommended that such a competitor seek out partners with significant solar experience to collaborate with on their application.* | | |  | | |
| **Prize Participation and Benefit** | | | | | |
| **Describe how the specific activities[[1]](#footnote-1) and benefits[[2]](#footnote-2) of the prize would help you overcome your identified barriers to either become a solar project developer or build on existing experience to expand development with the Five Meaningful Benefits.** | | |  | | |
| **Team** | | | | | |
| **Describe the key members of your team that will participate in prize activities, including a description of each team member’s relevant expertise and ability to participate in the prize.** | | | | | |
| **Describe your team’s efforts to ensure that perspectives of diversity, equity, and inclusion are incorporated into your team.** | | | | | |
| 1. **Disadvantaged Community Engagement**   What is your plan to engage and work with the underserved and disadvantaged communities in which you plan to develop your community-benefiting distributed solar portfolio? | | | | | |
| **Community Connection:** Describe how your team is connected or will be connected to the communities in which you plan to develop projects or benefit. Are you located within these communities, or do you have existing partnerships? | | | | | |
| **LIDAC Engagement:** Describe the specific activities and partnerships that would build trust and strengthen relationships with LIDACs and support minority- and women-owned businesses as you work to develop your portfolio. | | | | | |
| **Community Concerns and Priorities:** Describe your community’s current disposition toward distributed solar. What are their top concerns and priorities? What barriers do you expect you might encounter? What factors might support your future success?  *If you do not currently have specific communities identified, you may describe the attitudes, concerns, priorities, etc. that you might expect to commonly encounter within a community.* | | | | | |
| **LIDAC Benefits and Ownership:** What are some strategies you will employ to benefit LIDAC members or owners with your envisioned community-benefiting distributed solar projects? Include your community benefits agreements to demonstrate that the benefits will be implemented in your projects. | | | | | |

## Total narrative word count: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ total words

**Please read and comply with submission requirements in the** [**Official Rules**](https://www.herox.com/CommunityPowerAcceleratorRound3/resource/1981)**.**

**COMPETITORS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.**

1. Prize activities include participation in the Foundations course (Phase 2, one individual per team), working with technical assistance providers (Phases 2 and 3) to complete the [Credit-Ready Checklist](https://carsey.unh.edu/center-impact-finance/current-projects/community-solar-developer-workbook) (Phase 2), and meeting with financiers (Phase 3). For more information, see [Section 1.3](file:///C:\Users\csorg\Downloads\Community%20Power%20Accelerator%20Prize_Round%203%20Rules_8.15.24%20(1).docx#_Prize_Phases_and). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Specific benefits of the prize include increased organizational knowledge of distributed solar and the Five Meaningful Benefits via the Foundations course, increased confidence and skills from technical assistance, the ability to leverage cash awards to seek additional funding for planned projects, and access to the Community Power Accelerator Marketplace to identify and work with potential investors. For more information, see [Section 1](file:///C:\Users\csorg\Downloads\Community%20Power%20Accelerator%20Prize_Round%203%20Rules_8.15.24%20(1).docx#_Executive_Summary). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)