



# EESI Briefing: Funding Opportunities for Faith Communities

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# Our religious response to climate change

- ***IPL DMV works with hundreds of congregations of all faiths across Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia to save energy, go green, and respond to climate change.***
  - ***Learning***
  - ***Going Green***
  - ***Taking Action***






# Educate and Advocate

- Solar Shepards Program
- Solar and Climate Justice Workshops
- Green Ministries
- Technical Assistance for Houses of Worship
- Native Plant Program
- Community Science
  - Gas Stove Testing
  - Air Quality Monitoring
- Climate Resilience Projects





# New IRA Programs for Faith Communities

- Direct Pay Tax Incentives
    - Solar, Storage, EV, and Electric Cars
  - State and Local Rebates
    - Prioritize LMI residents
  - Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (EJ TCTAC)
  - Climate Corps Fellowship Program for Youth
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# IRA Funding Opportunities for Faith Communities

## EPA Community Change grants

- Expand our Native Plants, BEPS support, and Beyond Gas programs

## EPA's Region 3 Thriving Communities Grantmaker

- Green and Healthy Homes Initiative

## Green Bank Lending

- Montgomery County Green Bank, Climate Access Fund, and Maryland Clean Energy Center, DC Green Bank

## Solar For All Partnership in DC

- Single and community solar, Up to 50% savings for LMI residents

# Innovative Local/State Programs

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## DC Healthy Homes Act

- Leveraging IRA money to prioritize low-income residents

## MD Warmth Act – Neighborhood Geothermal District pilot

- Will benefit from the IRA incentives

## Montgomery County Electrification Pilot Program

- Will Use IRA Funding/rebates for Retrofit

Examples of  
Congregations using  
Direct Pay



[Beth Shalom Congregation](#) in Frederick, MD

Completed in 2024

[Fallston United Methodist Church](#) in Hartford County

Completed in 2023



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