

Clean Energy Resources for Florida Nonprofits & Local Governments!

Democrats' historic climate and clean energy law, the Inflation Reduction Act, is a gamechanger for Florida nonprofits and local governments looking to curb their electricity bills and invest in cleaner, cheaper energy sources. Thanks to the law's transformative "direct pay" provisions, tax-exempt and governmental entities can now receive a cash payment from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) equal to the full value of tax credits available for clean energy investments.

Who is Eligible for Direct Pay? The following entities are eligible for direct payment from the IRS:

- State and Local Governments: States, counties, cities, Tribal governments.
- Public Institutions: Public schools, hospitals, and universities.
- Nonprofit Entities: 501(c)(3) organizations and other entities that are not required to pay federal income tax.

What Sorts of Clean Energy Tax Credits are Available? Federal tax credits are available for investments in solar arrays, battery storage, geothermal systems, electric vehicles and their charging stations, and more.

Below are some example scenarios:

- EcoRun, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has a large roof on its headquarters, and wants to install solar panels to supply electricity to the building. Through direct pay, EcoRun can get up to 30% of the installation cost back under the Investment Tax Credit—or more if it is eligible for bonus credits.
- The City of Sunshine buys a large electric garbage truck for municipal waste collection. Through direct pay, the city can get up to 30% or \$40,000, whichever is lower, of the cost of the truck back by using the Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit.
- Schools can receive the Charging Infrastructure Property 30% property credit toward the purchase and installation of EV and electric school bus charging equipment placed in service within low-income communities or non-urban census tracts.

To learn more about direct pay and the clean energy tax credits available, here are a couple of helpful resources:

- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/directpay/>
- <https://seec.house.gov/nonprofits>

In addition to tax credits, there is much more support on the way for Florida nonprofits and local governments to reap the benefits of cleaner, cheaper energy options, including Inflation Reduction Act's [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund](#) and [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#).

My team and I will continue to highlight new opportunities — and please reach out if we can help you navigate different incentive options. You can call my office at 813-871-2817 or 727-369-0201 for assistance.