

Illinois Power Agency Launches Phase II of the Solar Restitution Program and Expands Solar Restitution Program Caps to Support Customers

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On June 1, 2026, the Illinois Power Agency (IPA), in collaboration with the Illinois Shines Program Administrator, launched **Phase II** of the Solar Restitution Program (SRP).

As a reminder, the IPA launched Phase I of the SRP on May 6, 2025. Under Phase I, customers are eligible to receive restitution if they were promised a pass-through of the Illinois Shines Renewable Energy Credit (REC) payment by their Approved Vendor (AV), but they did not receive **any portion** of that payment (and they met other eligibility requirements). To date, 170 customers have received nearly \$473,000 in restitution from the SRP.

In Phase II, the IPA is expanding the SRP to cover customers who were promised a pass-through payment but received **only a portion** of that payment. Customers who applied for restitution during Phase I of the program but were found to be partially or fully ineligible for restitution because they received a portion of their pass-through payment will automatically be reconsidered for restitution under Phase II. These customers do not need to submit another restitution claim, and they will receive an email communication from the Program notifying them of their eligibility within the next few weeks.

Customers who have not yet submitted a claim but believe they may be eligible under either Phase I or Phase II may submit a claim for the Program Administrator's review. Full details about eligibility requirements, applicable caps, and how to submit a restitution claim can be found on the Solar Restitution Program webpage on the Illinois Shines website.

Please note that the Program Administrator is only accepting claims from customers who did not receive some or all of their promised REC pass-through payment. Later phases of the SRP, which are expected to be launched in the coming months, will expand the scope to other types of harm.



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In addition to expanding the SRP into a new phase, the IPA also recently implemented higher payment caps for the SRP. The per-project caps on restitution payments are \$30,000 for projects 25 kW or smaller (this cap is unchanged) and \$50,000 for projects larger than 25 kW. In addition, Phase I or II claims against a single vendor will be paid out in full up to \$3,000,000, an increase from the previous per-vendor cap of \$200,000. For customers whose restitution claims were affected by the previous payment caps, the Program Administrator is currently in the process of paying these customers additional restitution. All future restitution claims will be evaluated under the increased caps.

Questions on the SRP should be directed to the Illinois Shines Program Administrator at restitution@illinoisshines.com.