

# NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NEW ENERGY OPPORTUNITY

# ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY POWER

## WHAT IS COMMUNITY POWER?

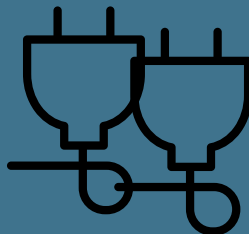
Under a Community Power program, a **local government such as a city, town, or county**, may **procure electricity on behalf of its residents & businesses**. Community Power programs also enable economies of scale associated with bulk purchasing power to **lower electricity costs for communities**. Community Power programs democratize energy sector governance by enabling local communities to choose where their electricity comes from.

Electric distribution utilities (Eversource, NH Electric Cooperative, Liberty Utilities, Until) continue to deliver electricity to customers over their poles & wires.

## HOW DOES COMMUNITY POWER WORK?



**SOURCE**



**DELIVERY**



**RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES**

### COMMUNITY POWER PROGRAM

Buying & building  
electricity supply

### UTILITY

Delivering energy,  
maintaining lines

### YOU

Affordable rates, local  
control, clean energy

## 4-STEP PROCESS FOR AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY POWER

1. Governing body (select board, city council, county commission) establishes a "**Community Power Committee**," or designates existing committee as responsible for supporting development of a Community Power Plan
2. Community Power Committee develops an **aggregation plan**, sometimes in partnership with expert nonprofits, regional planning commissions, or consultants
3. Legislative body (town meeting vote, city council vote, county commission vote) **votes to approve the plan**.
4. All residents and businesses are notified & provided the **opportunity to opt-out** of participation before program launch and enrollment.