

LES WEBINAR: LOW/MODERATE INCOME SOLAR IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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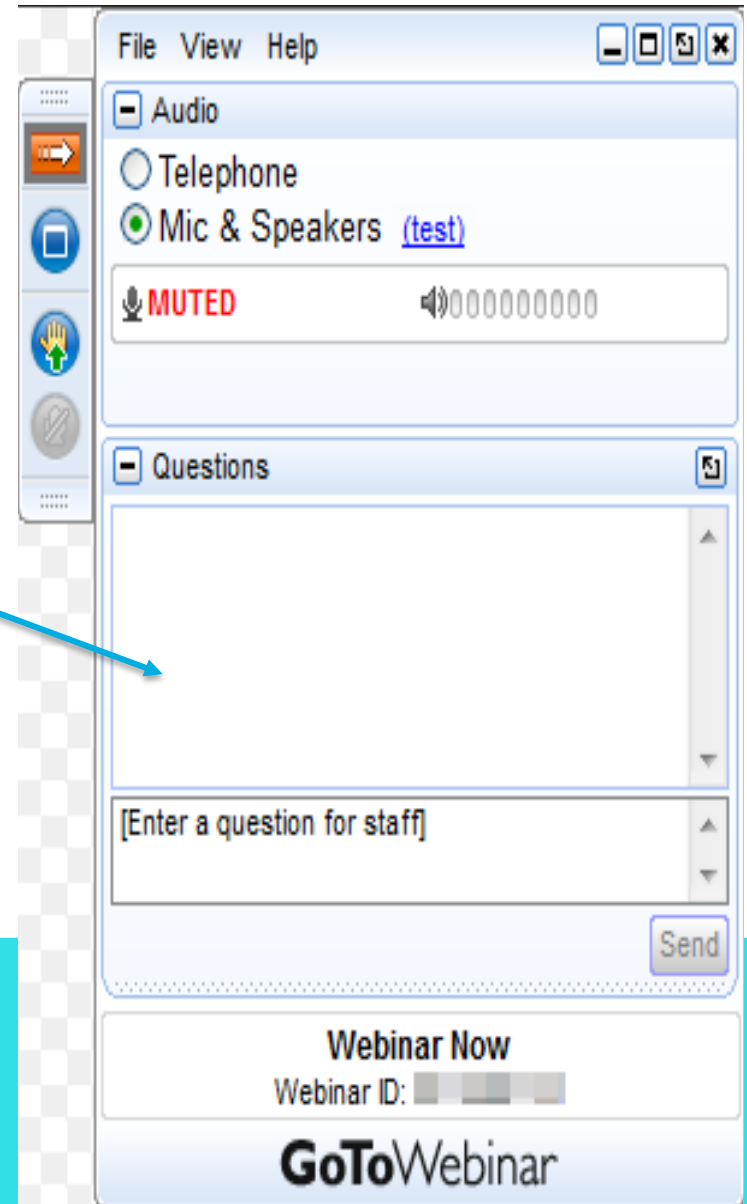
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LOW MODERATE INCOME (LMI) PROGRAM HISTORY

- In 2017 Senate Bill 129 (SB 129) was enacted.
- SB 129 included a new funding allocation requirement:
no less than 15% of the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) annually benefit low-moderate income residential customers, including, but not limited to, the financing or leveraging of financing for low-moderate income community solar projects in manufactured housing communities or in multi-family rental housing.
- Several stakeholder sessions were held at the Commission following the adoption of the legislation to gather input regarding the design and implementation of a new low moderate income program.

LMI PROGRAM HISTORY (CONT'D)

- Year 1: RFP seeking proposals for community solar photovoltaic projects. Program Budget = \$405,000
- Scoring criteria included: maximum direct benefits to LMI residential electric customers, technical project specifications, project feasibility and readiness, and project administration and management.
- Commission received five proposals requesting a total of \$680,675 in grant funds for projects with a combined estimated project value of \$1.2 million. Proposed projects included a variety of system designs and program models, including: resident-owned community solar, roof-top solar on multi-family income restricted housing, and community solar gardens.
- Three solar projects were selected to receive \$404,721 in grant funding; providing direct benefits to 67 LMI New Hampshire families. Grant contracts were presented to and approved by the Governor and Executive Council.
- Year 2: Budget: \$650,000; RFP released on February 6, 2019; responses due March 11, 2019; points added for moderate income.

LMI PROGRAM 2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Lakes Region Community Developers Avery Hill Solar Project
- Mascoma Meadows Cooperative Community Solar Project
- New Hampshire Solar Shares Community Solar Project

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